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Rotary Youth Exchange student enjoys outdoors, stay in Grayling

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Rotary Youth Exchange student from Sweden will head home month to dive into his further educational studies.

Dennis Lund of Vasteras, Sweden graduated with Grayling High School's Class of 2009. His parents, Carina and Jan Lund, made it to Grayling for the special occasion.

While in Grayling, Lund had stays with Gail and Rod Ney and Mike Shearer. Shearer has hosted 25 foreign exchange students over the years.

Lund said he has specifically enjoyed outdoor activities while in Grayling, including kayaking on the AuSable River, being outside in the wintertime and fishing.

While at Grayling High School, Lund was part of a project called Big Brothers, which visited children in the AuSable Primary School on Fridays. The class is run by



Photo by Dan Sanderson

Dennis Lund of Vasteras, Sweden, graduated with Grayling High School's Class of 2009. Above, his parents, Carina and Jan Lund, made it to Grayling for the special occasion.

Rich Moffit and Lund was a big hit with the youngsters. "When I came over, they were all screaming my name when I came into their room, so that was kind of fun," Lund said.

Lund also enjoyed strength training class and taking part in the Grayling High School's Choir called Morning Blend. As part of the choir, Lund and his peers traveled to New York City for a performance, took in a Broadway show and viewed the Statue of Liberty.

"I've only seen that in movies before," Lund said. The choir also visited the 9/11 Memorial, which Lund said was a moving experience that took him back to the day the terrorist strikes occurred.

"I didn't realize how big

the place was and it brought back memories of how unclear things were when the attacks happened and what was going to happen next," Lund said. "Anything was possible."

Lund held the top cede on Grayling High School's boy's doubles tennis team, but did not fair well against the tough competition in the region.

During his stay with the Neys, Lund traveled to Cedar Point and had a unique experience on the Top Thrill Dragster, one of the tallest and fastest roller coasters on the planet.

"It went up and came back down," Lund said of the ride which had to be repaired while he was secured in position on the coaster. "It's one of the fastest roller coasters in the

world." Over spring break, Lund traveled to Disney World with Shearer and attended the Patton Museum at Fort Knox. Lund said he enjoyed driving and traveling through the states on the trip.

Lund attended a Rotary Youth Exchange conference in Canada. He went to a conference with Rotary Youth Exchange students from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio in Grand Rapids. A leadership conference for the exchange students will be held in Petoskey on July 14.

"It's kind of way to get together and share the experiences that we've all been through," Lund said.

Following that, Lund will be reunited with his family in Vasteras, a metropolitan area with a population of 120,000 people about an hour from Stockholm.

His mother, a primary school reading teacher, went on a Kirtland's Warbler tour in Grayling, while his father fished for salmon on Lake Huron with Steve Sendek, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources fish biologist based in Grayling.

"We're really grateful to the people of Grayling for welcoming Dennis and embracing him with open arms," Carina said.

"He's been a good positive impact on the community and the kids here," Shearer added.

Lund will finish his last year of high school in Sweden. He then plans to live in Norway to find work which will eventually allow him to travel to Thailand to earn a master's certificate in scuba diving.

"Hopefully, I can start college before I turn 30," Lund said.

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Hartwick Pines unveils new CCC Worker statue

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

More than 175 people witnessed the dedication of a new Civilian Conservation Corps Worker statue at the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum at Hartwick Pines State Park on Saturday, June 20. Top left, John Selesky of Rose City, a former CCC enrollee of Camp Higgins Lake in the 1930s, and Bob Fyvie of Newberry, a former CCC enrollee of Camp Germfask in the Upper Peninsula, unveil the statue. Bottom left, the statue is the 54th CCC Worker Statue to be erected across the United States in honor of the hard work and achievements of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The dedication also helped mark the 90th birthday of the Michigan State Parks system.

During their time in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), from 1933-42, the "CCC Boys" built more than 125,000 miles of roads, 13,100 miles of foot trails, strung 89,000 miles of telephone lines, developed 800 state parks and numerous national parks. The also spent more than eight million man days fighting wildfires and planted between two and three billion trees across the country.

These men, enrolled in all 48 states and the territories of Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, served in 4,500 camps throughout the country.

In Michigan, more than 102,000 men served in 125 camps spread through the northern lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula, though there were a few camps in the southern part of the state where parks were developed. The CCC Boys did more than their fair share to heal the land after logging and fires came through northern

Michigan. They planted more than 484 million trees, more than twice as many as any other state.

These men also spent more than 140,000 man days fighting fires, including a large fire on Isle Royale National Park in 1936. They planted more than 156 million fish and worked at numerous fish hatcheries, including the Grayling Fish Hatchery. They constructed more than 222 buildings, including the two buildings that currently house the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum, revitalized the Michigan State Parks system and developed the Isle Royale National Park and the Seney National Wildlife Refuge. Michigan also had the only Bureau of Indian Affairs CCC Camp in the country, Camp Marquette in Chippewa County.

"We can do it - that was the motto of almost three and a half million young men and war veterans who joined the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression," said Rob Burg, site historian of the Hartwick Pines Logging Museum and the Michigan CCC Museum.

Local CCC camps included Camp Hartwick Pines, Camp AuSable, Camp Higgins Lake, Camp Eldorado, Camp Kalkaska, Camp Luzerne, Camp Lunden, located near Lewiston, Camp Pioneer, located near Roscommon, and Camp Houghton Lake.

Not only did the CCC help the nation, the CCC also greatly helped the young men and their families. The enrollees received \$30 a month in pay, with \$25 of that pay being directly allotted to their families. Nearly \$663 million was sent to the dependents of the CCC Boys from 1933-42.

The Civilian Conservation Corps Worker statue was donated by Chapter 129 of the CCC Alumni. The dedication marked the 54th CCC Worker Statue to be erected across the United States in honor of the hard work and achievements of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The short dedication program featured talks about the history of the Civilian Conservation Corps, both in the United States and in Michigan, experiences in a CCC camp, what the CCC has done for our state parks and how the stories of the CCC are being preserved through literature.

"I'd like to thank everyone for coming out to honor this important period in both our national and state history and let us never forget the great accomplishments of these men during one of our nation's most trying times," Burg said.

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Issues and Opinions



Almanack

by Richard Milliman

July 4th means Happy Birthday to America

WHEN JULY FOURTH rolls around each year, it's the special time to wish Happy Birthday to America.

Although few Americans bother to do the "Happy Birthday" bit, that's all right, too, because it emphasizes one of the strengths of our country, namely to be able to do pretty much as we please about a lot of things.

It's not that way everywhere in the world. Take elections, for example.

In America, through elections, the people have the opportunity to decide how things are going to be run by our governments - local, state and national - and who should run them.

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A COUPLE OF living examples of other ways to pick leaders are in today's news.

Look at Honduras, a small country here in the Western Hemisphere. Here's the first paragraph in an *Associated Press* account from Tegucigalpa, Honduras:

"Soldiers seized the presidential palace and flew President Manuel Zelaya into exile Sunday, hours before a disputed constitutional

referendum. Congress appointed a successor, but Zelaya ... said he was the victim of an illegal coup."

In plenty of other countries around the globe, similar scenarios select national leadership, which essentially means whoever has the armed might decides who rules and makes the rules, often making them up as they go along.

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THAT'S NOT HOW we do things in the United States. When the people decide they want to change leadership, we do so with votes in a regularly scheduled election.

Our presidential elections are held every four years, our congressional elections every two or six years, and that's how it's been since America was born 230 years or so ago.

As a side note, for about half that time our national senators were chosen by state legislatures, which had been selected by the people, but then we switched to a direct election, which has proved to be a better system once the nation grew in population and as a nation, and national problems became more complicated.

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THEN THERE'S Iran, where people voted in a hotly contested presidential election.

The incumbent president declared he was reelected, but the other side claimed the election was rigged, and public demonstrations of dissatisfaction became riots with injuries, death and much bloodshed.

That's not how we do things in the United States.

Sure we have close elections where one side claims it won and the other side says its candidate won, such as in 2000 when the presidential election came down to results in a single state (Florida) and President George W. Bush finally was declared the winner.

That decision came through the established legal system and followed established vote-counting methods, with final decision coming from the courts. Both sides accepted the process and the decision, although many on the losing side still claim the election was stolen and Al Gore should have been president.

The point is that unlike the situation in Iran, we did not see millions of people take to the streets in extended protest. The system

worked in America, as it usually does.

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QUESTIONABLE ELECTIONS can hit both parties. In the 1960 presidential election Chicago could have been an earlier version of Florida 2000.

The very close 1960 election between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon came down to a number of Chicago voting precincts traditionally controlled by the city's Democratic administration. Mr. Kennedy did so exceedingly well in those precincts that many on Mr. Nixon's side felt the Chicago results were phony and counseled recount and legal struggles such as ensued 36 years later in Florida.

Instead the Nixon camp decided to accept the results, and prolonged national controversy was averted.

That's usually the way we do things in this country.

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WE LIVE IN a pretty amazing country, with a pretty amazing history.

Our Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, has stood up for 230 years or so with only relatively

minor adjustments. Of course, the equal rights amendment following the Civil War, voting rights for women, and several other amendments, mainly regarding individual and civil rights of the people, certainly are not minor tinkering by any means, but the fact is that the basic Constitution with its Bill of Rights has stood the test of time and turmoil unmatched in any other modern nation.

A Civil War such as America endured 150 years ago may well have fractured many countries beyond repair, but the United States survived, which is tribute to the men and women who steered the nation after the Civil War, just as the origins of the United States are tribute to the men and women who envisioned, fought for, and shaped the new nation in the 1700s and the 1800s.

It's with some of these thoughts in mind that the Almanack respectfully joins in a lusty Happy Birthday to our country on Independence Day 2009.

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Letters to the Editor

Red Cross is reducing waiting time for donors

To the editor:

We live in such a great community. Many of you over the past several months have gone to an American Red Cross blood drive to give the gift of life. Some of you have mentioned that you experienced a long wait. We have listened to your comments and are addressing your concerns.

To attempt to meet the needs of the hospitals the American Red Cross services we must continue to collect blood and find ways to reduce the amount of time it takes from a donors day to make a donation and ensure the blood donor experience is a pleasant one.

To do this the American Red Cross needs your help. The American Red Cross is asking individuals who plan to attend a blood drive to give a quick call to 1-800-Give Life, if they can, so that the proper equipment,

supplies and staff are sent to the blood drive.

If you want a specific time, you can schedule it. If you do not know what time you will arrive, a call will still allow the American Red Cross to plan for the proper number of donors.

Can you imagine planning a gathering and having no idea how many people will come? That is similar to what happens at blood drives.

If you can not call, we still would like you to join us in our life saving mission. Your call to 1-800 Give Life will simply allow us to decrease wait times and plan more effectively to make sure your experience is a pleasant one. Your cooperation will help the American Red Cross to be more effective.

Cindi Bauer
The American Red Cross

Life was made easier because of the love and kindness of so many people

To the editor:

Grayling seems to have had its share of bashing the last few years. From comments about the streetscape, etc., and I was about to think it was "going to the dogs" after I became tired of the written controversy about them.

However, it's a small city thank goodness, and when it comes to helping people is much better than a big one. I'll not mention names because I am afraid I will leave out someone, but the support that Bob and I received in recent months and days can be found only

in places like Grayling. When Bob came to Grayling he truly found his home and he loved the many jobs he had and especially the young people that he helped and all of the volunteer work that he did.

We have found such wonderful people of all ages, new friends, old friends, doctors, nurses, neighbors and others. Life was made much easier for Bob and myself because of the love and kindness so so many people.

Faye Bovee
Grayling

Viewpoint

By Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield

Over the Limit. Under Arrest. Statewide crackdown targets drunk drivers

Choose to drive drunk and fireworks won't be the only flashing lights you see over the 4th of July. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office is joining law enforcement agencies across the state for a summer *Over the Limit, Under Arrest* crackdown.

Michigan drivers will find stepped up patrols looking for drunk drivers throughout Crawford County beginning June 26 through July 5.

This includes the July 4th weekend, which is a time for parties, picnics and celebrations. Last year, 14

motorists died in Michigan over the July 4th holiday, with five of those deaths involving alcohol and three of those motorists being unbuckled.

"We want people to have a good time and be responsible. By stepping up enforcement during the holiday season we can keep motorists safe by removing drunk drivers from the roadways," said Sheriff Wakefield.

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with .08 blood alcohol content or higher. A drunk driving conviction is

costly and comes with assorted penalties including fines, legal fees, driver responsibility fees, court costs and higher insurance rates.

"Not driving drunk is so much easier than getting behind the wheel after drinking too much. Penalties can be avoided by designating a sober driver, taking a cab or spending the night at a friend's house," said Sheriff Wakefield.

In 2008, there were 317 alcohol-related traffic deaths, a decrease of 8.2 percent from 2007.

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The Crawford County Avalanche will be closed Friday, July 3rd, in observance of Independence Day and will reopen at 9 am, Monday, July 6th.

Early deadlines will apply for the July 9th issue:

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Briefs

Historical Museum to hold meeting

The Crawford County Museum Board will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 7, at 7 p.m. at the Grayling City Hall. The museum is looking for volunteers to work at the museum Wednesdays through Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 or half days from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 348-2985.

COA to go to Leelanau Peninsula

The Grayling Senior Center will take a trip to the Leelanau Peninsula for a wine tasting tour on Thursday, July 16. The trip will include a stop at Black Star Farms Winery and Bel Lago Vineyard. LeLand-Historic Fish town will be the stop for lunch and shopping. The cost is \$35 and does not include lunch. The bus will leave the center at 9 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. Reservations are required, with full payment of \$35. Deadline for reservations is July 9. Call 348-7123.

Summer Music Series to be held

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce will present its Summer Music Series on July 2 with "The Norths Most Dangerous Band," at 7 p.m. on the lawn at Citizen's Bank. On July 4, Cheryl Madison (Papendick) will perform at the Grayling City Park from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

Tennis camp set for July 20-22

Grayling High School's tennis program will host a three-day camp for boys and girls entering grades 3-8 on July 20-22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the GHS tennis courts. Cost to participate is \$25 per person. Instruction will be provided by Scott Baker, GHS tennis coach, and varsity tennis players. Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt. To get a registration form, contact Baker at (989) 387-2074.

Resurrection Life Center to hold VBS "Space Camp"

Gather your gear! Climb into your space suit. We're off to criss-cross the cosmos. A "Close Encounter with God's Word" is designed to teach kids the truth about the Bible while exploring the wonders of the heavens.

This year's Vacation Bible School at Resurrection Life Center in Grayling, "Operation Space," will reconnect the Bible to the rest of the world for kids ages 4-12 through "Space Commanders Boot Camp," July 13-17. A food concession will be available each night at 5 p.m. and "B.A.S.I.C. Training" will be from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. The B.A.S.I.C. Training will teach kids that God's word, the Book of Books is our Absolute Authority. The training provides the true Salvation Story that enables each child to receive the incredible

impact from the Cadet Challenge they will take on each night to learn, love, and live the Bible.

Through the live drama, "Operation Space," each night's VBS will probe the origins, dimensions and dynamics of God's awesome universe, as they enjoy Cosmic Crafts, Stellar Snacks and Galactic Games. The Resurrection Life Center, 2640 W. M-72, Grayling, is located on M-72 just 2.2 miles east of the light at Burger King. Bus transportation will be available, which is handicap accessible.

For bus arrangements, information or pre-registration (which is requested), call the church at 348-1000.

COA to hold hot dog sale

The Grayling Senior Center will hold a hot dog sale fundraiser on Friday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., outside of the Dollar General Store and Saturday, July 4, outside of Citizen's Bank from 10 a.m. to noon. The price of a hot dog and a drink will be \$1. For more information, call 348-7123.

State retirees to hold meeting

The regular monthly meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, July 7, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. Rhonda Cauthen from Blue Cross /Blue Shield will be available to discuss and answer any questions on the new medical program. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

COA to hold Sunday Brunch

The Grayling Senior Center will Sunday Brunch from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of each month. This month will be July 5 and July 19. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit salad, coffee, juice or milk. The price for those over age 60 is \$2.50 and \$4.75 for those under 60. For more information, call 348-7123.

4-H Garden Club to meet

Registration for the 4-H Garden Club are being accepted from boys and girls in fourth grade and above. The meetings will be held at the community garden on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Parents have the options of planting and tending a family garden while children learn gardening skills. Contact the MSU Extension office in the basement of the courthouse at 344-3266 for more information.

11th annual Youth Conservation School to be held July 13-15

Reservations for the ages 11 to 15 years as of Jan. 1, 2009. The cost is \$10 for all three days and includes lunches. Rod and reels will be provided, or you may bring your own.

Registration deadline is Monday, July 6 and is limited. For additional information call (989) 344-3266. The classes will consist of an introduction to fly-fishing, fly tying, entomology and further aspects of outdoor recreation with certified instructors and other members of the MGFC of Trout Unlimited in collaboration with Crawford County Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development.

Classes will be held at WaWaSum Lodge on the AuSable River, Monday, July 13, through, Wednesday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. The class is open to youth

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Raffle Winners

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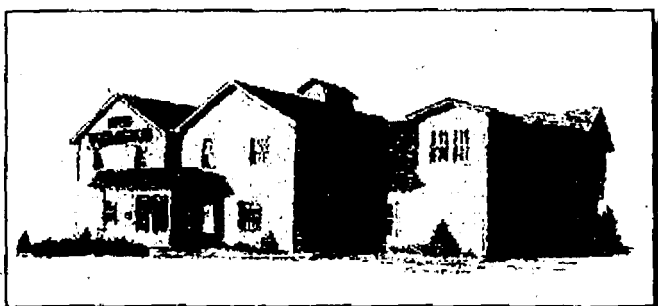
The 50/50 raffle winners for June 28 of \$25 each; Jim Brown and Mark Hartman.

Knights of Columbus

The winners of the Knights of Columbus raffle were: first place Gary Snoeck, a Weber gas grill, second place was Richard Valco, a \$100 and third place was John Cochrane with \$50.

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The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for June 12 was Dean Miller.



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Following the approval of the Declaration of Independence, John Adams declared that the Fourth of July "ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." Four days after the Declaration was approved, the Liberty Bell was rung. "The Liberty Bell was named for the Biblical inscription from Leviticus 25:10 emblazoned around it: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land, to all the inhabitants

thereof."

In 1777, Congress facing a National shortage of Bibles announced that they "desired to have a Bible printed under their care & by their encouragement" and ordered 20,000 copies of the Bible to be imported "into the different parts of the States of the Union." "In 1782, Congress pursued a plan to print a Bible that would be a neat edition of the Holy Scriptures for the use of schools' and therefore approved the production of the first English language Bible printed in America that contained the congressional endorsement that the United States in Congress assembled . . . recommend this edition of the Bible to the inhabitants of the United States". The U. S. Congress endorsed and recommended the King James Bible.

The 1783 Treaty of Paris that officially ended the Revolution and established America as an independent nation begins with the appellation "In the name of the most holy and undivided Trinity". Only Christianity declares faith in a Divine Trinity, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one." (1 John 5:7).

The U.S. Constitution was born following a

prayer meeting requested by Benjamin Franklin. When completed, James Madison declared that he saw the finished Constitution as a product of the finger of that Almighty Hand which has been so frequently and signally extended to our relief in the critical stages of the Revolution, and George Washington viewed it as 'little short of a miracle,' and Benjamin Franklin believed that its writing had been influenced, guided, and governed by that omnipotent, omnipresent, and beneficent Ruler, in Whom all inferior spirits live, and move, and have their being'. (Above material edited from the U. S. House Resolution 397 as presented to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the 111th Congress.) America faces grave danger today for being ashamed of God and His Holy word.

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Zelek, Strohpaul engaged



Jean Zelek and Rusty Strohpaul

Mark and Deb Zelek together with Bonnie Vogel and Russell and Tina Strohpaul, announce the engagement of their children Jean Anne Zelek and Russell (Rusty) Hiram Strohpaul III.

Jean is a 1999 graduate of Grayling High School. She holds a teaching degree from Grand Valley State

University. She is currently a substitute teacher for Crawford AuSable Schools.

Rusty is a 2000 graduate of Grayling High School and is employed by Halliburton Energy Service.

They both reside in Grayling and are happily planning a May 2010 wedding.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 113 complaints the week of June 22 - June 28.

Twenty-four general non-criminal complaints, one hazardous-spill, leak, power line, four false alarm activations, two criminal sexual conducts/sexual assaults, two assault/intimidation/stalkings, one aggravated assault-non-family-other weapon, four burglaries/home invasions, one burglary, no forced entry-non-residence, eight larcenies, two larcenies-personal property from vehicles, one motor vehicle theft, one damage to property, one obstructing police, 18 public peace/disorderlies, one operating while intoxicated,

three health and safeties, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, eight traffic accidents, one accident-non-traffic, two traffic violations-civil infractions, one accident-all other, one inspection/investigation-boat, one lost and found property, three family troubles-domestic, 14 suspicious situations, five driving violations/driving while license suspended one one driving on revoked/suspended license.

Sheriff Wakefield asks, "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

Obituaries

Shirley M. Clark.

Shirley M. Clark, 77, of Westland, passed away on June 10, 2009.

She was born in Barre, Vermont, on April 23, 1932, the daughter of Alfred and Signe (Matsen) Smith.

She earned her R.N. from Henry Ford Nursing School and worked as an OB Nurse for 52 years, retiring from St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

She enjoyed horse races, horseback riding, square dancing, but mostly spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Lexington.

She is survived by her children: Diane (Jim) Andrews of St. Johns, Steve (Lilet) Clark of Redmon, Calif., Sue (Fernando) Luna of Lexington, Ky., Beth Clark of Westland; grandchildren: Jennifer (Geoff) Andrews, Angie Andrews, Travis (Meghan) Myas, Lea Mulan Clark, Mickey Clark; five great-grandchildren; and her sister Mary (Harry) German of Belding.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Barbara Defina; and two brothers, Stan and Al Smith.

A Memorial Graveside Service was held on June 29 at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Sympathies may be expressed in the form of memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences can be sent to www.smithfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements made by Smith Family Funeral Homes St. Johns Chapel St. Johns.

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Your loving husband, LeRoy, your children, Linda Smith, Lee Rawlings, Susan Rawlings, your seven grandchildren and your 12 1/2 great-grandchildren. You did good mom!

In Memory of

In memory of Danny Wakeley, July 5, 1996.

Sadly missed by mom, brothers and sisters. We love and miss you.

Hometown News

Family members who came to visit and attend the funeral of Robert Bovee were two daughters and their children, Billie Smith (Richard) of Saugerties, N.Y., Peter Smith of Portland, Maine, Paul Smith of Waitsfield, Vt., Dena Bovee (Bruce Goll), Doria Goll of Dublin, Ohio, Bob's sister and husband, Joyce Moore (Ron) of Parchment and Bob's nephew, Ken Bovee of Mt. Pleasant.

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Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
(989) 732-7001
Sunday Service 10:30 am
April through October
2nd & 4th Wednesday 7 pm
Sunday School 10:30 am

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church • Pastor: Dr. William A. Cargo
400 Michigan Ave. - (989) 348-2974
www.michelsonmemorial.org - Barrier Free
Traditional Service 9 am
Coffee Hour 10 am
Sunday School (preschool-3rd grade) 11 am
Adult Sunday School 10 am
Praise & Worship Service 11 am
(Childcare Available)

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor: David Jorgensen
(989) 348-1909 • Services held Saturday at
Camp Ausable off M-72 East (1st building
on right inside camp entrance)
Saturday Church Service 9:30 am
Saturday Sabbath School 10:30 am
Tuesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

Lovells Community Chapel
(Bible based and non-denominational)
Pastor: Larry Hankins
8133 Bald Hill Rd. - Lovells
(989) 348-2701
Sunday School (youth & adult) 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7-8 pm

Grayling Free Methodist
Pastor: Rick Secord
6652 M-72 West - (989) 348-9093
Early Service 8:30 am
Sunday School 10 am
Morning Service 11 am
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 pm

Emma Lowery United Church of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult & Youth Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor: Ernie Wagner • (989) 348-5558
heritagebaptist-grayling.org
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
(1/4 mile west of I-75)
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Afternoon Worship 12:45 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Pastor: Gary Wojdan
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Parsonage (989) 348-7466
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Family Night Adult-Youth-Children (Wed) 7 pm

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First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor: Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Church of Today North
Minister: Terry Dickinson
Virtual Church - an E-mail Bible Study
available at tlmrd@freeway.net

Luzerne Baptist
Pastor: James Durfee • 2247 Durfee Lane
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petrie • (989) 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sun. Service, Children's Church & Youth
Service 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm
Friday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
(van transportation available)

Community of Christ
Pastor: Ann Doty • North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. - (989) 348-9751
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Pastor: Robert W. Nalley, J.V.
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(989) 348-7657
Saturday Evening Masses 4:30 pm
Sunday Masses 10 am

St. Francis Episcopal
Reverend: Elizabeth Chace
M-72 West - Office (989) 348-5850
Morning Prayer Tue-Fri 8:30 am
Eucharist (Wed) 8:30 am
Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:30 & 10:30 am

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Mail: 2640 M-72 West Grayling, MI 49738
reslifecenter.com • Phone: (989) 348-1000
Sunday Service 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed) 7 pm
E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (LCMS)
905 N. I-75 Bus. Loop
(at junction of M-93 & Old 27)
(989) 348-5921
Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:15 am

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
M-72 West, Grayling - (989) 348-9220
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 pm

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Sunday Classes 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
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Midweek Bible Study (Wed) 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor: Lyle Studer
2111 Oaklawn Dr. • (989) 348-3325
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Sunday Worship 10 am & 6 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
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Sunday School 10 am
Bible Study (Wed.) 6:30 pm
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Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
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(Wednesday) 7 pm

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Sunday 9 am

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Morning Worship 10 am
Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 am
Wed. Men's Bible Study Noon

Grayling Worship Center
Pastor: Gary Thompson • (989) 422-3464
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Sunday Night Potluck 5 pm
Sunday Service 6 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President: David Stephenson
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood Noon
Relief Society Noon

Grayling Evangelical Free Church
Pastor: Dave Schultz
6251 W. M-72 Hwy, Grayling, 989-600-1293
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The development of the implanted microchip seemed to provide a solution; A chip the size of a grain of rice can be placed under an animal's skin, usually between the shoulder blades. The chip contains information about the animal, so when a lost dog or cat turns up at a shelter, staff uses an electronic scanner to retrieve the information and use it to locate the animal's owner.

It was a leap forward that has led to happy reunions for thousands of lost pets.

But microchipping has

been complicated by the realities of business. There were competing manufacturers. Some chips operated at a different frequency. Some were encrypted.

Many of these issues have been resolved and there is a strong movement toward a universal standard. But there is still the possibility that a lost, chipped animal could be scanned with a device that will not recognize his chip. And even if the chip is read correctly, it's only as good as the information on it.

Pet owners must ensure their contact information is updated with various microchip registries; there is still no single database for microchip information. If you move and fail to update your contact information, your pet could be returned to your old house rather than finding you at your new one.

What does this all mean? It's simple: microchip your

pet with the chip recommended by your local shelter or veterinarian.

Make sure to update your database information if you move. But don't rely on the microchip as your only method of identification.

While the your local shelter may have a scanner, your next door neighbor doesn't, and when your cat or dog gets loose, the people in your area have the best and earliest chance of finding him or her.

Should your beloved pet get lost, a collar and tag are still the most reliable way to make sure your pet gets home again.

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Kirtland seeks volunteers for art trail tours

Officials at Kirtland Community College (KCC) are moving forward with plans for a new "creative economy" that seeks to boost northern Michigan's art and crafts industry, with the first step being the creation of a regional art tour program.

A public forum on the regional art tour series is slated for Thursday, July 9, at 1 p.m. at the Kirtland House conference center, located on the college's main campus.

The focus of the meeting is to find people who'd be interested in volunteering for the program, which would provide tours to the workshops, studios and stores of artisans located within KCC's service area.

"The college cannot do something like the art tours by itself," Quinn said. "We need interested community members to come join in the discussion July 9 to see how we can join forces to help energize our local economy."

"To establish something like the art tours, we will need volunteers to help serve in various capacities," he added.

In researching the concept, Quinn found several models for a local art or studio tour series. That included the Northeast

Iowa Artists' Studio Tour held in October. During the "drive yourself" tour, artists open up their studios and workshops to visitors through a coordinated marketing effort.

An even larger effort is the Craft Heritage Trails of Western North Carolina, which produces a book in its third edition with more than 200 listings, including studios, galleries, restaurants and historic inns.

"I believe the potential is here to do something similar in northern Michigan, though on a slightly different scale," Quinn said. "But, first, we must have the volunteers and identify the requisite number of artisans to participate."

About 30 people attended an earlier public forum on May 13, at which Quinn introduced what he calls the "creative economies" concept, one that will seek to add to the area's economy by building upon the existing art and crafts industry, as well as the talents of regional artists. He more recently proposed the initiative at the June 18 meeting of the KCC Board of Trustees.

The concept includes construction of a regional art facility that would house displays and working exhibits, classrooms, a

small book store and food vendors, as well as possibility of a new performing arts center. Locations for the gallery that have been discussed include the Grayling area, either downtown or off of Four Mile Road, where it'd be easily accessible from I-75.

"It's a bit off the beaten path for a college president to be doing something like this," Quinn said. "(But) I ask, what else can the college do to promote and grow our local economy?"

"From my observation, there's a lot of talent artisans around here," he added. "This would be an opportunity to build upon their talents in a comprehensive fashion."

According to Quinn, if the college's efforts help increase art sales by just \$1 million annually, that has an effect of about \$7 million on the area's economy as the money moves from source to source. Quinn said he believes this is possible after a recent tour of western North Carolina, where smaller art guilds from as many as 25 counties teamed together and helped boost the region's economy by more than \$80 million over the last 14 years.

"Obviously, we have a good art department (at

Kirtland)," Quinn said. "It's well known. When I got here, I said we should build on what we do well."

To find out the level of interest and whether the creative economies concept is feasible, Quinn is seeking information from local artisans. Surveys can be obtained by contacting the president's office via e-mail at quinn@kirtland.edu or by calling 989-275-5000, extension 253.

"I've been asking to visit with all the art groups in the area," Quinn said. "My goal is to visit with them and get some survey information."

Once the needed data is gathered, Quinn said he'd look to hire an outside consultant to write a formal business plan that the college could take to community groups and possible investors. But, at the June 18 meeting, he first asked board members if he should proceed. And there was a unanimous agreement the concept warranted further consideration.

"Conceptually, it needs a lot of flushing out," said Roy Spangler, the board's chairman. "(But) I'm supportive of the idea."

For more information on Kirtland, visit online at www.kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, extension 284.

Military News

Staff Sergeant Chad M. Callahan received his Associate in Applied Science Electronic Systems Technology, from the Community College of the Air Force on May 14.

At the graduation ceremony, held at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma, Callahan was awarded the Pitsenbarger Award for outstanding academic achievement.

Callahan is currently taking classes from the

University of Maryland University College, where he is pursuing his Bachelors of Science majoring in Legal Studies with a minor in Business Law and Public Policy.

Callahan is the son-in-law of Gary and Donna Pettyjohn of Grayling. He graduated from Boyne City High School in 1999 and currently lives at Tinker AFB with his wife Allison, a recent UMUC graduate, and

their twin daughters Stephanie and Cecily.

Pvt. Crystal Calcote recently enlisted into the military auxiliary unit known as the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force (MI VDF), it is the auxiliary to the Michigan Army National Guard and can be activated to assist in local emergencies.

Calcote is a resident of Grayling and is a member of

the Camp Grayling unit. She has participated in CPR and search and rescue training.

Her fiancé is Pvt. Alan Geiss who is also a member of the unit.

People interested in serving, can go to the Web site www.mivdf.org to learn more. Both veterans and non prior service are encouraged to apply. All training is done in Michigan and recruits can't be activated beyond the state.

Births



Amanda and Jay Mertes, announce the birth of their son, Logan Eli, born May 1,

2009, at 2:43 p.m. at Grayling Mercy Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 4 ozs., and measured 20 1/2 inches in length.

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Hill family helps establish nursing scholarship

A Grayling area family has found a way to remember a lost loved one, while also helping nursing students attending Kirtland Community College.

Paul Hill recently approached the president of Kirtland Community College, Dr. Tom Quinn, at a meeting. There, he proposed the idea of establishing a scholarship in honor of his wife, Patricia, a retired nurse who passed away in November 2008 due to complications resulting from a reaction to a flu shot.

"Pat and I talked about (the scholarship) before she passed," Hill recently told members of the KCC Foundation, in speaking for the Hill family. "This is something she really wanted to do. After she passed, we felt we had to get this done."

The KCC Foundation, the non-profit organization with the mission of providing educational benefit to the college district and its students, will be the caretakers of the newly created Pat Hill Nursing

Scholarship fund, according to Quinn. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a student in the college's Level II, or registered nurse (RN), program.

"Certainly, we'd like other people to contribute to this fund," Quinn said. "I think it's a worthy cause."

Jerry Hayes, a former Kirtland board member and friend of the Hill family, said the scholarship has a special meaning to him, as his daughter is a graduate of Kirtland and now a nurse at Mercy Hospital of Grayling.

"I was real proud of that," Hayes said.

Pat Hill was born in Detroit in April 1943 and graduated from Cody High School in 1961. She married Paul, whom she had dated for about five years, in 1962. After giving birth to a daughter, Patty, and son, Jim, she attended the Providence School of Nursing and obtained her nursing degree in 1973.

She worked at Sinai Hospital for a year, before the family moved north to the Grayling area. Nearly

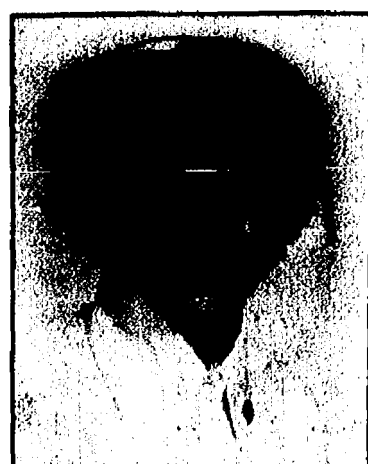
immediately after the move, she started a 30-plus year career at Mercy Hospital. Her love of helping people didn't end there, as she worked for another five years at the West Branch Regional Medical Center.

"Pat was a night owl and almost always worked the night shift," family members stated in a written history about her. "Pat loved talking with people, and sharing her smile and joyfulness brought contentment, satisfaction and joy both to her and to the recipients."

Christin Horndt, financial aid director at Kirtland, said college officials are set to begin taking applications for the new scholarship this fall, with the first Pat Hill Nursing Scholarship scheduled to be awarded during the 2010 winter semester.

"The minimum to be awarded will be \$500 (for one scholarship)," Horndt added. "The final amount contributed will determine how many additional scholarships may be awarded."

Eligibility requirements for the Pat Hill Nursing Scholarship include that the student already be accepted in the college's Level II nursing program and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or better. Applications will be accepted from in-district students, with preference given to Crawford County residents who have dependents (either spouse or child).



Patricia Hill's 1973 graduation photo taken after she received her nursing degree from the Providence School of Nursing.

Paul Hill said, with the scholarship now becoming a reality thanks to a recent \$8,500 in donations by family members, that his beloved wife would be happy to see the effort to help future nurses.

"I'm glad," he added. "When Pat went to nursing school, it was a family affair."

For more information on this or other scholarship opportunities at Kirtland, individuals may contact the college's Financial Aid department via e-mail at finaid@kirtland.edu or call 989-275-5000, extension 257. Or, for details on the KCC Foundation or to learn how to contribute to the Pat Hill Nursing Scholarship fund, go online to kirtland.edu/foundation or call the president's office at 275-5000, extension 253.



Friends and family of the former Patricia Hill, who retired from Mercy Hospital in Grayling after a more than 30-year career there as a nurse, recently marked the creation of the Pat Hill Nursing Scholarship, which is slated to provide an annual financial award to at least one student enrolled in the Kirtland Community College's Level II nursing program. That included (l-r) her son, Jim; husband, Paul; KCC president Dr. Tom Quinn; and Maureen and Jerry Hayes. Maureen Hayes worked with Pat Hill for more than 15 years at Mercy Hospital.

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Friday, July 3 - Closed - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. hot dog sale at Dollar General.

Saturday, July 4 - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. hot dog sale at Citizens Bank, 11 a.m. parade.

Sunday, July 5 - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Brunch.

Monday, July 6 - Lunch - pork riblet sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw and applesauce. Dinner - chicken alfredo, noodles, mixed vegetables, broccoli cuts and peaches. 10 a.m. quilting, 1 p.m. Bridge, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Hearing Clinic.

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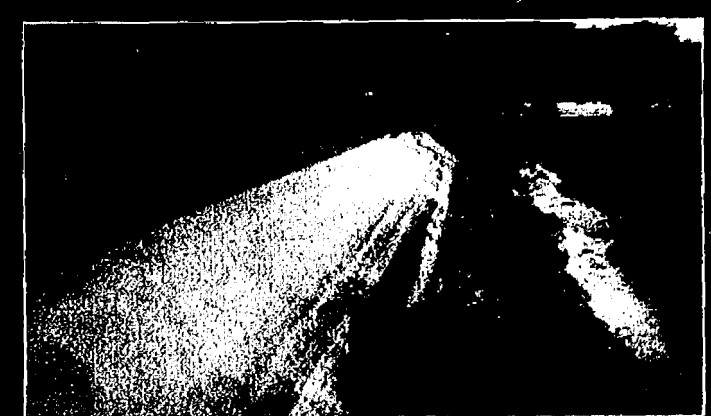
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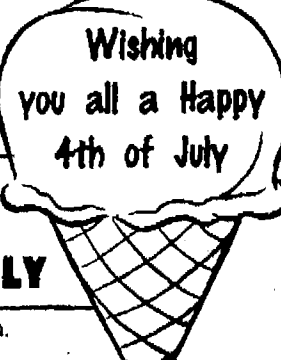
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Among the honorees are

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Grayling - Austin B. Andrus, Senior Geological Engineering; Travis R. Brush*, Senior Civil Engineering; Tyler S. Cragg*, Senior Geological Engineering; Jack W. Hagerman*, Senior Construction Management. Roscommon - Jeffrey A. Katalenich*, Senior Mechanical Engineering; Amanda J. Scott, Senior Mechanical Engineering.

Northern Michigan University

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University announced that Wendy Paul, of Frederic, graduated Cum Laude and received a BS degree in Biology and Physiology, Benjamin Lucey and Jillian Seager, both of Grayling, received BS degrees in Biology and Physiology and Christopher Secord of Grayling, received a BS degree in Botany.

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Township seeks feedback on special assessment

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again.

The City of Grayling and all townships in the county agreed to fund \$8,000 this year to pay a part-time employee at the recycling center. The county already provides funding for a part-time employee. The employees are paid to sort recyclables from trailers hauled in from the townships and trailers used to collect cardboard in the City of Grayling.

Still, Grayling Township projects to lose about \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year on the recycling center operations.

Wright said the shortfall is part due to a decline in prices municipalities are receiving for recyclable materials. In a typical recession, Wright said manufacturing companies that use recycled materials pay less for recycled products. But in the current recession, companies are paying lower costs for raw materials instead going with recycled products.

Wright said the township was paying more for transportation costs and tipping fees at Waste's Management Recycle America facility in

Saginaw.

"Normally, we've taken our recycling and we've been getting a little bit of money for it," Wright said. "Today, we're not."

Recently, the township changed to a new recycling broker, Metro Recycling Solutions in Detroit. The township is now storing its recycled materials at the recycling center until it can fill a full semi trailer. The recycling broker is then charged with finding a manufacturer to purchase the material at a profit for the township, eliminating the middleman from the process.

A committee comprised of Wright, Grayling Township Treasurer Cindy Olson and John Wotring, operations manager for transfer recycling center has been formed. Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo, Commissioner Make Lange and Bruce Patrick, the environmental monitor for Crawford County, represent the county on the committee. Officials are meeting to formulate a five-year plan for county-wide recycling.

"One entity can not do this alone and make money," Wright said.

"We're at the point where we need all entities involved to make money and we think that it's possible."

Officials have discussed a county-wide ballot issue to support recycling, a surcharge on properties in the county to fund recycling or contracting with Waste Management to provide recycling roll off trailers. The firm would transport the trailers and sort the recyclables. Officials also discussed charging Waste Management an impact fee based on the amount of trash deposited in the Waters Landfill.

In 1996, Crawford County and City Environmental Services, the former owners of the Waters landfill, settled a lawsuit which was initiated when the waste hauler tried to dispose of trash from a county that was not included in Crawford County's solid waste management plan.

The company agreed to pay Crawford County \$75,000 to \$150,000 a year to create the environmental monitor position and pay for recycling.

The funds are also utilized to purchase and

maintain the recycling trailers and a truck to haul the trailers. The funds also pay for the county's annual household hazardous waste collection day, as well as other projects aimed at addressing blight issues and protecting the environment.

County Officials are seeking a legal opinion on the lawsuit settlement before entering negotiations with Waste Management.

"There would be some incentive for the landfill owners to negotiate in that realm," Compo said.

Wright said township officials appreciate the support from other communities in the county as all municipalities are dealing with budget woes.

"Every community is looking at the things they do now," Wright said. "Times are very difficult and we are fortunate to have everyone committed to saving recycling and we think we can get through this OK."

Lange said he hopes to keep the county-wide recycling program intact.

"It seems silly to have two separate programs," Lange said.

Couple recalls memories of sacrifice through letters

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"I missed my family, my loved ones and of course my sweetheart," Marquardt said.

Upon his arrival home, Marquardt was assigned to serve at Fort Hood in Texas. He rejoined Lillian and the couple married. The Marquardts will celebrate their 57th anniversary this year.

The Korean War ended with an armistice signed on

July 27, 1953. Marquardt stayed enlisted in the U.S. Army until 1954, but his break from serving the country was short-lived.

"I said I did not want anything more to do with the military, and then two weeks later, I joined the National Guard and stayed for 31 years," he said. "It was one of the smartest things I ever did."

A couple of years ago, Marquardt discovered that Lillian had saved all the letters he mailed her while in Korea.

Lillian said that she kept the letters as keepsakes during their time apart. The Marquardts have five children who read the letters and got an idea of what their parents lives were like before they married.

"I loved him and there are

a lot of memories there in those boxes," Lillian said.

Marquardt said he has never gone back through the letters.

"I never read them again," said Marquardt, who was trapped in a foxhole under enemy fire the day before he returned to the U.S. "You don't know what you said. You get homesick and you don't know if you're going to survive."

Marquardt, however, said he was honored by Lillian's gesture to keep the letters during their time apart, especially as the county's celebrates its independence on the Fourth of July.

"I've seen war, and there ain't nothing better than peace and freedom," Harold said.

Marquardt was assigned to a Michigan National

Guard unit based out of Bay City. He then served as a Brigadier Command Sergeant for a unit based based out of Lansing. He served all but two of his annual training sessions at Camp Grayling. Marquardt retired from the Michigan National Guard in 1985.

Marquardt said his most difficult time in the Michigan National Guard was during the 1967 Detroit riots. He said he was glad troops were on hand to protect firefighters trying to save burning homes and buildings, but was disturbed by the destruction and chaos.

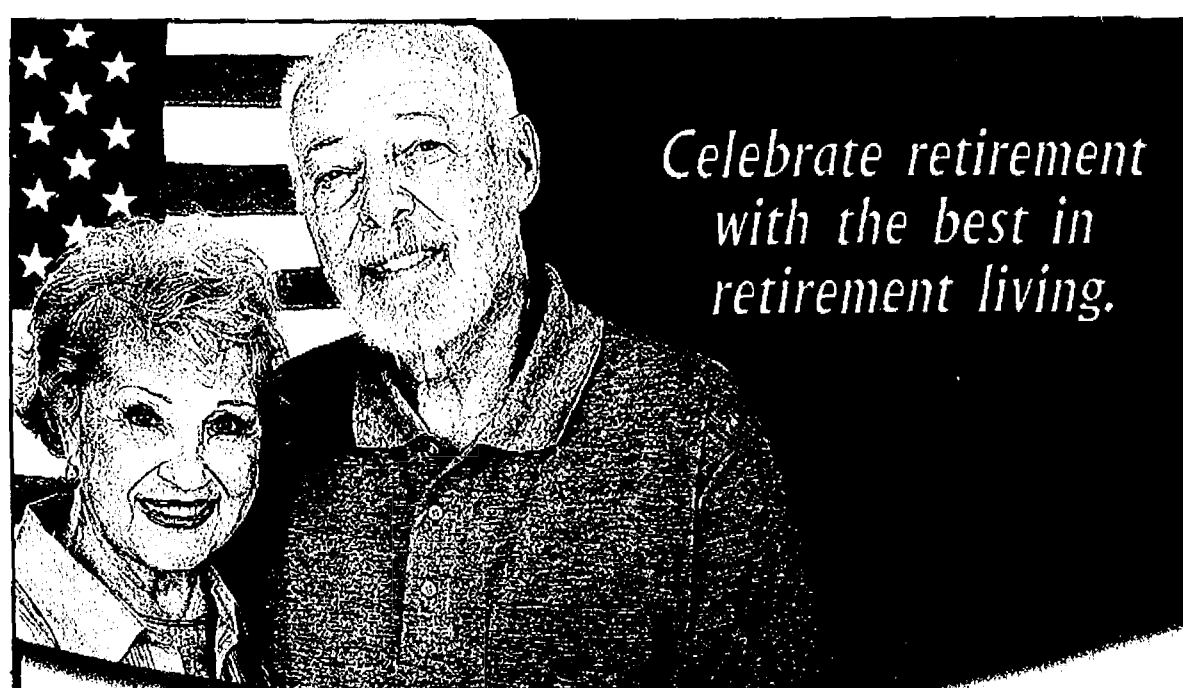
"Some of things I saw done were just unbelievable," he said. "I thought that could only happen in a war zone and here it was right in our own country."

In 1986, Marquardt retired from a General Motors plant in Bay City, where he worked 18 years as a line worker and 18 years as a production supervisor.

Marquardt then joined Lillian as a manager for the Camp Grayling Trailer park, which they have been managing for the last 26 years.

"What he does, I've been right by his side and we work together pretty well," Lillian said.

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The Crawford County Library System netted a National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grant which will help promote the celebration of Mark Twain's classic "Tom Sawyer" and the significance of the AuSable River to the community. Above, is a promotional poster for the Big Read program, a bucket of paint, a paint brush and a straw hat in the Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library's reading garden.

National Big Read program spurs 'Tom Sawyer, The AuSable River is Calling You'

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The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) just may have to change the name of its literature program from The Big Read to The Biggest Read. Last week, the NEA announced that 269 non-profit organizations, including arts, culture, and science organizations, libraries and municipalities will receive grants totaling over \$3.7 million to host Big Read celebrations between September 2009 and June 2010. The Big Read brings communities together to read, discuss, and celebrate one of 30 book selections from U.S. and world literature.

"The Big Read highlights not only literature, but also what can be accomplished in partnership," said NEA Acting Chairwoman Patrice Walker Powell. "I'm grateful to the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Arts Midwest,

and the many, many non-profit organizations, local governments and media outlets around the country that have partnered with the NEA to present hundreds of Big Read projects nationwide. We welcome our new community partners to The Big Read family and look forward to continuing this transformative dialogue between neighbors and across borders."

Selected organizations received Big Read grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000 to promote and carry out community-based programs.

Each community's Big Read includes a kick-off event to launch the program, including activities devoted specifically to its Big Read book or poet, events using the selection as a point of departure and book discussions in diverse locations aimed at a wide range of audiences.

The Crawford County Devereaux Memorial Library is among the organizations receiving \$4,365 in Big Read funding for its program "Tom Sawyer...The AuSable River is Calling You!"

Crawford County

Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson is excited to introduce "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," by Mark Twain as The Big Read selection for countywide programming.

A kick-off event will take place with a float depicting scenes from "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" entered into the 62nd Annual Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon Parade.

"We are thrilled to be a part of an initiative that recognizes the importance of individuals, literacy and community collaboration," Mansfield-Sanderson said. "We have many exciting events planned throughout the months of September and October for people of all ages and stages of life. Tom Sawyer is a wonderful work of literature that encourages adults to reflect and for children to begin to internalize growth from childhood to adulthood."

The Crawford County Library System will have copies of the Tom Sawyer available throughout the county for all to enjoy beginning in September.

"What a great opportunity for Crawford County

residents to come together through The Big Read and to celebrate and promote our wonderful natural resources," said Crawford County Library Board President Jeri Selthoffer.

The 2009-2010 Big Read grantees represent 44 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since a 2006 pilot program with 10 participating organizations, the NEA has given more than 800 grants to support local Big Read projects.

Participating communities receive high-quality, free-of-charge educational materials to supplement each title. Reader's Guides include features such as author biographies, historical context for the book and discussion questions. Teacher's Guides are developed with the National Council of Teachers of English and the State Language Arts standards in mind and include lesson plans, essay topics and classroom handouts. Big Read Audio Guides feature readings from the novel along with commentary from renowned artists, educators and public figures.

Motorcycles, repair shop destroyed by fire

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A motorcycle repair shop and seven Harley-Davidson motorcycles were destroyed in a fire on Sunday.

The Frederic Township Fire Department was dispatched to fire that occurred at Harley Dave's, located at 710 Old 27, at 6:58 a.m. Sunday.

The building was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived on the scene, said Frederic Township Fire Chief Doug Pratt.

Firefighters from Otsego Lake Township Fire

Department and the Grayling Fire Department assisted at the scene.

Firefighters remained at the scene 11 a.m., Pratt said.

The business was a total

loss. Seven Harley-Davidson motorcycles were in the repair shop when the fire occurred. The business was insured.

The cause of the blaze

remains under investigation, Pratt said.

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GMS names students of the month



The students selected as Grayling Middle School Students of the Month for May are: (from left to right, back row) Nick Amaya, Howard Anglemeyer, Michael Beck, Leena Jones, Michaela Kahn, Shanon Kaufman, Nick Kincaid, Marie Lewis; (middle row) Eddie Lownsbey, Alyssa Lozon, Beta Mowrey, Cole Passmore, Sarah Pease, Zane Pittman, BreLynn Ross; (front row) Jessica Starr, T.J. Therrien, William Webb, Hailey Whittaker; (not pictured) Corey Nephew.

GMS Honor Roll

Second Trimester

6th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll

William Buggs, Carson Burmeister, Lilie Carr, Zachary Cheney, Sydney Denno, Allison Dorn, Emily Dorn, Hannah Golnick, Courtney Hatfield, Emmett Helsel, John Hilbrecht, Briann Koves, Michael MacFalda, Erin Messerschmidt, Gunner Metzger, Rachel Money, Luke Petrosky, Daniel Quisler, Brelynn Ross, Laura Simpson, Kenneth Tuck and Boomer Wingard.

"B" Honor Roll

Nathan Baker, Shadrick Bencheck, Brady Bendig, Kyle Birdsall, Ricky Birtles, Cassandra Brewer, Adam Brill, Kassie Bryan, Amber Bunker, Valerie Burch, Kaitlyn Clower, Samantha Denno, Mikayla Dunckel, Danielle Dwyer, Hailey Eames, Kayla Forrester, Samantha Fyan, Michael Gardiner, Joseph Greenway, Anna Grosskopf, Douglas Hagle, Thomas Hause, Timothy Hausee, Courtney Hill, Jacob Hinkle, Josey Hinkle, Dallas Johnson, Zachary Joseph, Cassandra Kolka, Brandon Kowalski, Randi LeMaster, Derrick Love, Alyssa Lozon, Darian Mateos, Taylor McCuan, Skyler Moggo, Damian Molands, Jazmine Morgan, LD Newsted, Darin Nicholas, Mason Papendick, Cole Passmore, Alexander Payne, Amanda Peterson, James Piper, Zane Pittman, Cyle Pratt, Rebecca Pratt, Emma Reichelderfer, Darius Richardson, Peri Scheer, Daniel Schultz, Ryan Schultz, Cody Seratt, Dustin Shear, Jordan Shoemaker, Skye Shriver, Wyatt

Thompson, Scout Tobin,

Katelyn Vierling, Casie Wakeley, Ty Whitcher, Krista Whitney, Hailey Whittaker, Brett Woodard and Dylan Wyman.

7th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll

Meghan Beard, Michael Branch, Tracey Burch, Rachel Dubriwny, Brooklynn Golnick, Marilyn Jankowski, Brenna Johnston, Brandon Latusek, Emily Leslie, Meagan Malm, Jennifer Miller, Tandy Mitchell, Cassandra Northrup, Hir Patel, Carlie Sloan, Terry Wakeley and Kelsey Wejrowski.

"B" Honor Roll

Mara Adamski, Gage Albright, Shelby Alimenti, Mikaela Ashton, Turisa Baker, Travis Bodkins, Jacob Brown, Jordan Bulmer, Matthew Burrell, Alexandra Case, Casey Castillo, Justice Cochrane, Samuel Cousins, Carlee Dedafoe, Victoria Doster, Hope Ervin, Shelby Golnick, Tara Henderson, Justice Junttila, Michaela Kahn, Travis Kirk, Naomi Kolka, Joshua Larson, Dominique Linderer,

Jessica Lohr, Katelynn Martin, Damion McCauley, Tyler McClanahan, Torrey Messerschmidt, Dillon Miller, Logan Miller, Rachael Miller, Madison Nielson, Denise Peters, Elysia Petrie, Jonathan Petrie, Hailey Petty, Caitlyn Phillips, Cierra Prosser, Tara Pummell, William Romain, Cierra Russell, Rayne Russell, Richard Sanford, Whitney Schans, Gabrielle Smith, Grady Smith, Nicholas Smock, Jensen Stephan, Jake Swander, Colbie Wakeley, Natalie Woodley, Kody Work, John Zelaya and Peyton Zigila.

8th Grade

All "A" Honor Roll

Wesley Dean, Shanley Dorn, Stanna Dorn, Sarah Goodyear, Jo Hamlin, Alyssa Morley, Andrew Robbins and Angeline Rouston.

"B" Honor Roll

Gabrielle Amaro, Jacob Cochrane, Danielle Dami, Olivia Dikin, Carly Dunckley, Robert Dwyer, Jeffrey Enos, Katrina Foguth, Madilyn Gabriel, Sarah Girard, Hannah Haven, Zachary Hunter, Madison Junttila, Nickolas Kincaid, Levi Korneli, Mason Krey, Jeffrey LaVigne, Jacquelynn Lownsbey, Megan Luke, Zachary Mack, Louis Menard, Tiffany Mitchell, Hillary Moore, Brittany Naumiec, Gloria Neilson, Danielle Nelson, Courtnee Nye, Lisa Orr, Scott Parkinson, Tegan Pillaro, Tyler Powers, Jacquelynn Pratt, Caitlin Prosser, Keanu Quintana, Jessica Starr, Shawn Thomas, Ronald Vradenburg and Daniel White.

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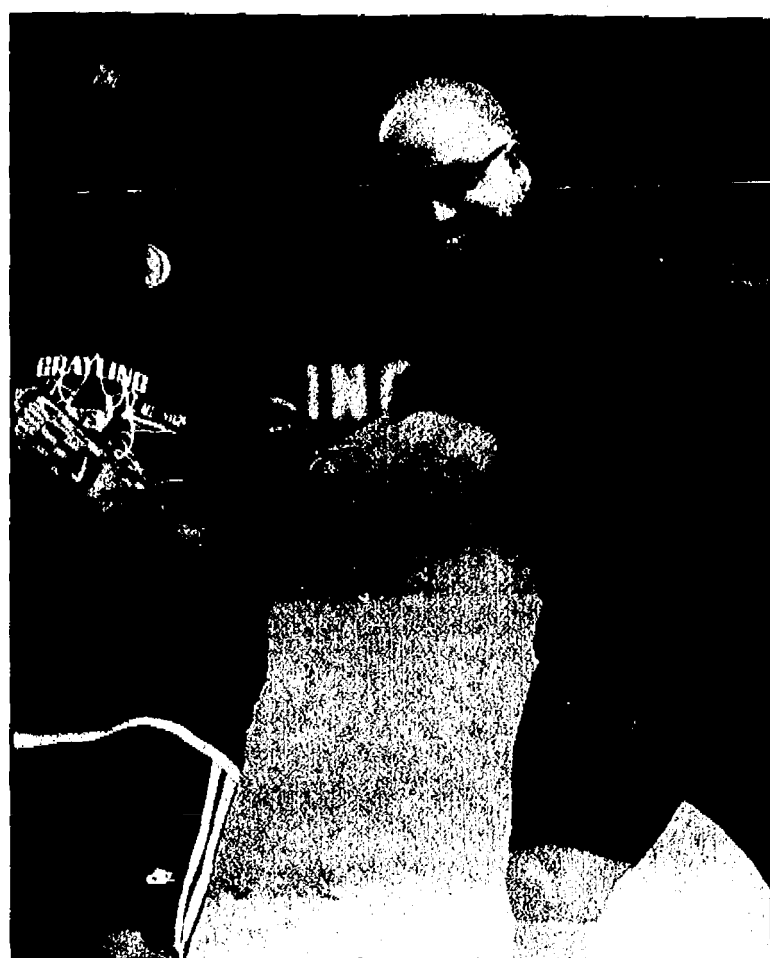
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Left: Jim Lehecky of the TV 9&10 News All-Stars pushes shortstop Max Prosser aside on his way to third base during Saturday's softball game at the Irv McIsaac Softball Field (Crawford County Fairgrounds). The softball contest, which featured the 9&10 team vs. a squad representing Grayling Little league, raised money for little league's new baseball/softball complex. Right: Stephanie Adkins of the 9&10 team puts the ball in play. The 9&10 squad won 27-19.

9&10 vs. GRAYLING

Softball game raises money for little league



Terry Nielson, left, pitches for Grayling Little League's team on Saturday. Yvonne Schreiber, right, swings at a pitch during Saturday's game.



Scott Michael Trager, left, rounds third base after hitting a home run for the 9&10 team. Rob Aubry, right, hits the ball for the Grayling Little League squad.

Grayling Little League

Grayling Little League's 11- and 12-year-old all-star team defeated Oscoda 16-0 on Saturday, June 27, at Lewiston.

Justice Junttila pitched a no-hitter for Grayling. He struck out seven batters and walked two.

"The boys hit the ball very well. We had 15 hits - six of them were for extra

bases," Coach Tom Barnes said. "Our one through four batters accounted for nine hits and 11 runs. Defensively we were strong as well."

Leading hitters for Grayling included: Thomas Barnes, 3 for 4, 4 runs, 2 RBI; Gunner

Metzer, 3 for 4, 2 runs, 4 RBI; Jake Hinkle, 2 for 2, 2 runs; Darin Nicholas, 2 for 2, 1 run, 1 RBI; Junttila, 1 for 4, 3 runs, 2 RBI; Michael Branch, 2 for 4, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Matt Burrell, 1 for 4, 1 RBI; Scout Tobin, 1 for 4, 1 run, 3 RBI.

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ATTENTION:

Kirtland Community College is seeking volunteers to help with a "heritage art trail" of area artisans. Come join the discussion July 9!

The president of Kirtland Community College, Dr. Tom Quinn, is inviting anyone who might be interested in volunteering to establish and maintain a "heritage art trail" to a public forum Thursday, July 9, to discuss the concept.

The heritage art trail proposal, which would provide tours to the workshops or stores of local artisans in the college's service area, is hoped to bring additional tourism to the area, as well as build upon the region's existing arts and crafts industry.

The meeting is slated for 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, in the Kirtland House conference center, located on the KCC's main campus near Roscommon. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Dr. Quinn by calling 989-275-5000, extensions 221 or 253, or via e-mail at quinnt@kirtland.edu.



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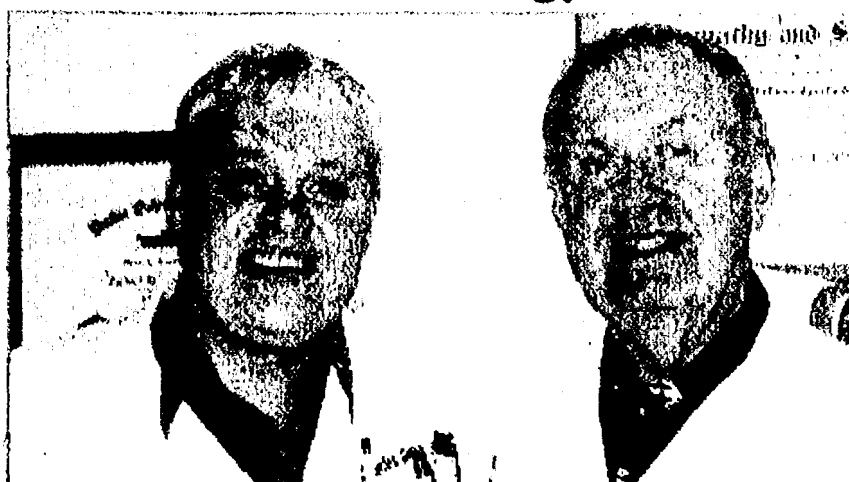
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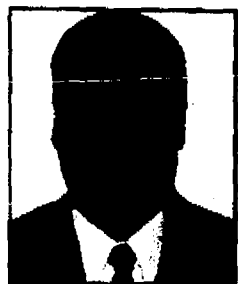
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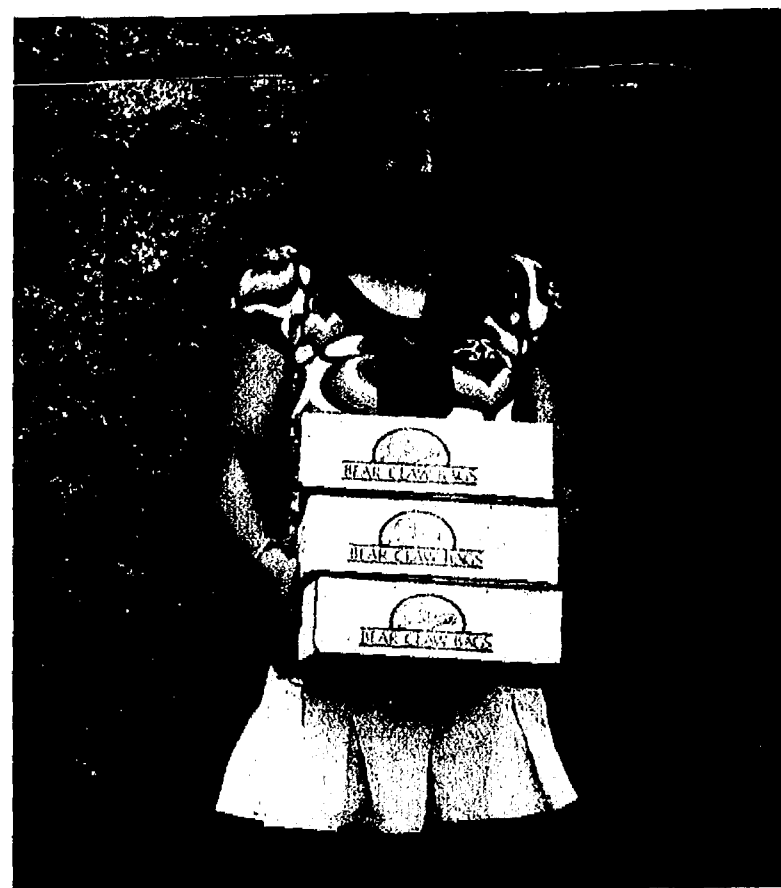
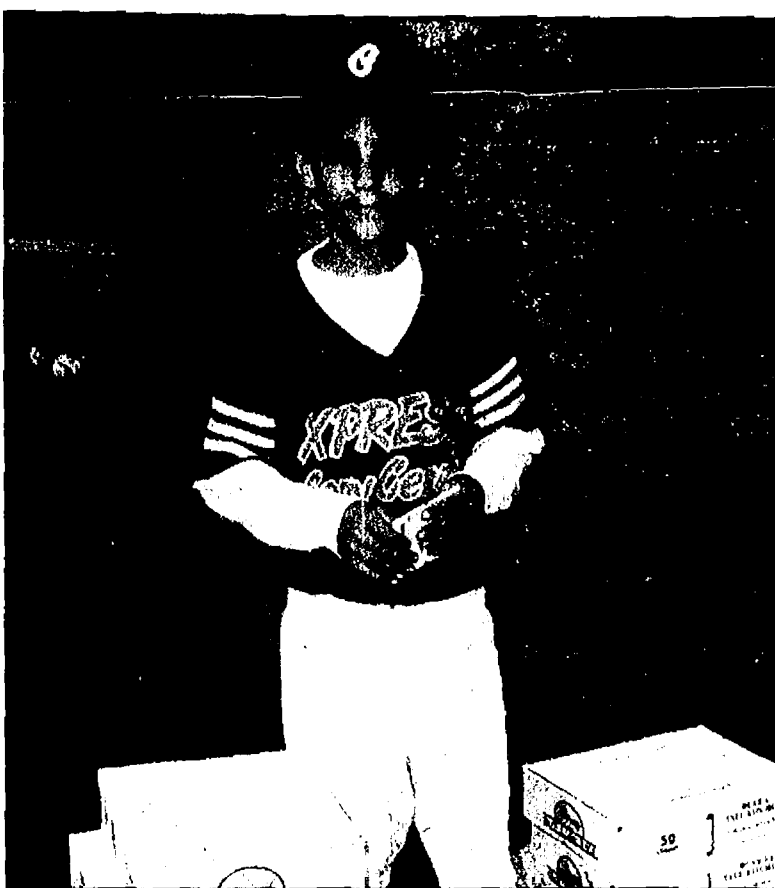
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Grayling Little League



Grayling Little League recently completed a fund-raiser event that included the sale of Bear Claw garbage bags. Bryce Whitley, left, and Hannah Golnick, right, were the top sellers in the baseball and softball divisions, respectively. They each received a \$25 gift certificate from MC Sports. Grayling Little League will use some of the money raised to help develop new fields.

Grayling Country Club News

by Donna Thomson

Wednesday Ladies on the Links

Summer has surely arrived! What a beautiful, but extremely hot day we had on June 25 for our "Rally for a Cure" day.

Upon entering the clubhouse all the decorations that greeted us were so lovely. There were pink tablecloths on all the table with centerpiece of sprayed silver golf shoes with pink and white flowers in them. Pink dragonflies adorned the walls as well as balloons, very festive. There were

decorations on the course, on most tee boxes, a pink bow on the bell and a pink tie for Angus our Scotsman on hole #8. Our groundskeepers helped us by getting the Breast Cancer Flags on the pins, the donor signs up, and then taking them all down. That was a big job.

We were treated to coffee, juice and doughnuts before we started out to give us a little energy for the morning. We bought mulligans before we left from Gloria Neilson and Ruth Burger and set out for a shot gun start at 9:30 a.m. All went smoothly and when we got in we had some delicious hor's d'oeuvres brought in by some of the gals for us to enjoy along with refreshing lemonade, iced tea or punch.

President Kay Ellen King welcomed all who came to make the day so special. Nancy Hoffman gave the invocation, after which we all enjoyed a great taco buffet and a beautifully decorated cake.

Next on the agenda as Jeanette who tallied out scores. There was a tie for first place, so Jeanette went hole by hole to finally get a tie-breaker and the winning team was Deb Bonkowski, Linda Fouts, L. Marceau and JoAnn Michal and the runner-up team as that of Jody Hinkle, Judy Johnston, Kim Johnston and Sally McNamara with a score of 71.

The third place team of Juanita Brown, Char Clark, Nancy Glasslee and Linda Mott with a 75.

There were also prizes on several holes which were then awarded:

#1 - Longest drive in fairway - Robin Norton.
#3 - Drive closest to the pin in 2 - Judy Johnston.

#5 - Closest drive to the pin - Kim Johnston.

#6 - Longest drive in fairway - Char Clark.

#8 - Longest first putt - Carole Batway.

#11 - Our "Rally" hole - Closest to the pin - Kim Johnston, runner-up Debbie Periard.

This hole was monitored by our nattily dressed Paul VanMill, who sported a pink and white golf shirt, pink golf shorts, a pink cap and pink and white socks. What a great guy to help us out.

Great job Paul. He wrote down the names of all who could land on the green as they received a new Titleist golf ball and he measured those who came closest to the pin. Kim received a #4 Hybrid golf club and Debbie received a monetary gift.

#13 - Closest to the pin in 2 - Kim Johnston.

#15 - Longest drive - Jody Hinkle.

#18 - Closest to the pin on 3rd shot - Lynda Hetrick.

Evie Kent did our 50/50 raffle and that was won by Deb Bonkowski.

Next we had our gift raffle which was spearheaded by Nancy Glasslee and Aggie Trudgeon and all were very pleased with what they received. Then they raffled off our three door prizes.

The first was a beautiful homemade basket by Carole Batway and that was won by Pam Terry. The second door prize was a pink petunia hanging basket from Jim's Farm Market won by Jeanne Collins and the third door prize was a stone bird house that was won by Linda Mott.

This year, as in the past, the generosity of our very caring community, not not from our wonderful business owners who never let us down, but also to personal donations given by so very many, really helped our cause. We have so much gratitude for all of you who helped or gave in any way possible. Also appreciated are the many golfers who joined us this year and we hope to see you again next year.

As in past years, this is always a special day, as so many "survivors" are golfing with us. Maybe some day all our efforts will pay off in the eradication of breast cancer once and for all.

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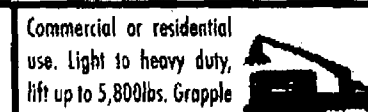
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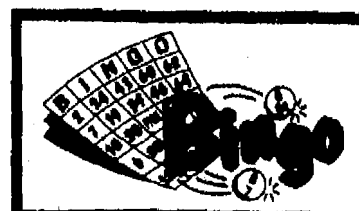
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Fox Run Golf

Thursday Ladies League
The standings for Thursday, June 25, are as follows.

In Flight 1, the wins were Gust and Griffin with 27, Ostling and J. McKindles with 25, Upton and Ferguson with 22, Freer and Longendyke with 21, Coors and Lederman with 16 and Hall and Marshall with 15. McKindles had a low net of 29. McKindles had a chip-in birdie on hole #11, Longendyke had a birdie on hole #16, Ostling had a

birdie on hole #17 and Upton had a birdie on hole #17.

In Flight 2, Finkbeiner and DiPonio had a score of 28, Baetens and Bradley had 21, Davis and Adolph had 16, Baker and Baldwin had 20, and Koutnix and Summerix had 13. Adolph had a low net of 33.

In Flight 3, the team of Kelsey and Funkey came in with 32, DeMassa and Willikins with 23, Patchin and Deloge with 21, Patrick and Febey with 20, Hanson and Walper with

19, and Nester and Close with 10. DeMassa and Deloge had a low net off 34.

Tuesday Couples League
The standings for Tuesday, June 23 are as follows.

In Flight 1, the wins were the Griffins with 88, the Ledermans with 86, the Coors' with 82, the Halls with 78, Koutnix with 69.5, the Uptons with 64 the Fergusons with 61, and the Gusts with 59.5. Gust and Coors both had a low net of 31. J. Coors had

a birdie on hole #12, J.J. Upton had a birdie on hole and hole #13, J. Lederman had a birdie on hole #13, and B. Ferguson had a birdie on hole #16.

In Flight 2, the wins were the Peltons with 98, the Finkbeiners with 92 the McNallys with 78, the Febeys with 77, the Davis' with 70, Hanson/Elliott with 63, Neil/Hritz with 57, and the Adolphs with 36. W. Finkbeiner had a low net of 27 and a birdie on hole #16.

Legal Action

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF FRIEND OF THE COURT ANNUAL STATUTORY REVIEW PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE RECORD OF THE FRIEND OF THE COURT

Pursuant to Michigan law, the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the friend of the court. The review will be conducted on or about July 1, 2009. This review is limited by law to the following criteria: whether the friend of the court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the friend of the court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the chief judge relating to these criteria. Send your written comments, with your name and address, to: Hon. Janet M. Allen, 800 Livingston Blvd. Suite 3B Gaylord, Michigan 49735-8344

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 09-7576-DE
Estate of Phyllis M. Pyke
Date of birth: 08/23/1931.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Phyllis M. Pyke, who lived at 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling Nursing Center, Grayling, Michigan died 01/28/2009.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John P. Pyke, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 6-19-09
Attorney
John W. Felton P31895
400 W. Main St., Suite A
Gaylord, MI 49735
(989) 732-4734

Personal representative
John P. Pyke

The USDA Forest Service, Huron-Manistee National Forests, is seeking applicants interested in operating out-of-the-forest fishing services on the Au Sable River from Mio to Oscoda, Michigan. There is an opportunity to use Forest Service river access sites for put-in, take-out or both for 3 watercraft. The successful applicant will be selected based upon the quality of service they are able to provide the public submitted in responses to the following evaluation criteria: 1. Proposed annual operating plan (including required and optional services); 2. Business plan, business experience, and references; 3. Financial resources; and 4. Fees charged to the public. Liability insurance is required of the successful permit holder. Those interested should review the prospectus offering which is available upon request at the Mio Ranger Station, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan, 48647. All applicant submittals are due by close of business on Monday, August 3, 2009 at the Mio Ranger Station, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan, 48647. For further clarification of this program, contact Pat Thompson, Huron Zone Special Uses, Mio Ranger Station, (989) 826-3252.

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MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. MORTGAGE SALE--Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by ROBERT I. FITZPATRICK, JR. and TAMMY L. FITZPATRICK, husband and wife, Mortgagees, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated June 20, 2006, and recorded June 23, 2006, in Liber 682, Page 81, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$17,127.87, including interest at 11.0% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel L-2: Part of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, T25N, R3W, commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 20, thence South 0 degrees 49' E (along the West Section line) 1015.80 feet, thence North 87 degrees 59'45" E; 100 feet to the P.O.B., thence continuing North 87 degrees 59'45" E; 435.6 feet, thence South 0 degrees 49' E 300 feet, thence South 87 degrees 59'45" W 435.6 feet, thence North 0 degrees 49' W 300 feet to the P.O.B. Also all that land lying Westerly of the above described parcel of land and the Easterly right of way of South Grayling Road.

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The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

Dated: June 18, 2009

LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC
Attorneys for Mortgagee
P.O. Box 721400
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MORTGAGE SALE

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Mortgage made by MICHAEL JAMES WEAVER, a single man, Mortgagee, to FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF AMERICA, Mortgagee, dated November 14, 2007, and recorded December 20, 2007, in Liber 689, Page 681, of Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$69,648.83, including interest at 12.0% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI.

Said premises are situated in South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, T25N, R2W, and the East 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, T25N, R2W.

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The redemption period shall be one year from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert R. Dent and Monica M. Dent, husband and wife, to IndyMac Mortgage Holdings, Inc. nka IndyMac Bank, FSB nka OneWest Bank FSB, Mortgagee, dated September 9, 1998 and recorded September 22, 1998 in Liber 463, Page 284, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Eight and 83/100 Dollars (\$93,388.83) including interest at 10% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on JULY 15, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel L-2: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 3 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Beginning at a point

on the East line of said Section 32, distant South 00 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds West along said East line 993.00 feet, from the Northeast corner of said Section 32; thence continuing South 00 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds West, 168.50 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes 15 seconds West, 646.30 feet; thence North 00 degrees 37 minutes 30 seconds East, 168.50 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes 15 seconds East, 646.30 feet to the Point of Beginning. Subject to a 33 foot road easement along the East 33 feet thereof. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: June 11, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 225.3250 ASAP# 3140069 06/11/2009, 06/18/2009, 06/25/2009, 07/02/2009, -11-18-25-2

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Doris E. Day-Bert and Edwin C. Bert, wife and husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as a nominee for Finance America, LLC, dba FinAm, LLC, Mortgagee, dated August 12, 2004, and recorded on August 26, 2004, in Liber 671, Page 200, Crawford County Records, said mortgage was assigned to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for the registered holders of Structured Asset Securities Corporation, Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-1 by an Assignment of Mortgage which was submitted to Crawford County for recording, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN AND 92/100 DOLLARS (\$68,757.92) including interest at the rate of 10.490% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Crawford County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10:00 AM on July 29, 2009. Said premises are situated in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 108, Holiday Heights Subdivision No. 2, as recorded in Liber 3, Page 41 of Plats, Crawford County Records. Also Part of the North Half of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, and being more particularly described as beginning at the East 1/4 corner of said section 31; thence South, 1017.94 feet to the place of beginning; thence West, 198.5 feet; thence South, 100 feet; thence East, 198.5 feet; thence North, 100 feet to the place of beginning. 11696 Baric The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

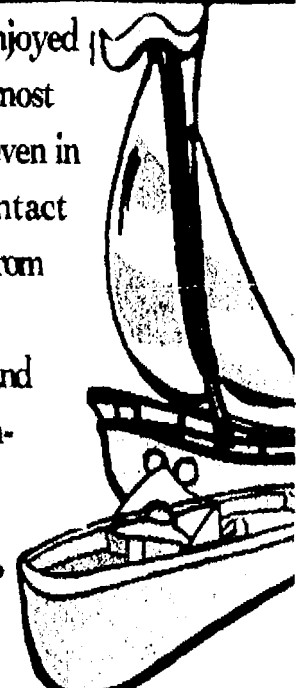
accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: June 25, 2009 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Assignee 43252 Woodward Ave., Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Our File No. 256.00446 ASAP# 3151049 06/25/2009, 07/02/2009, 07/09/2009, 07/16/2009 -25-2-9-16

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

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Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by DIANE L. CHAMBERLIN as Mortgagee, to NORTH-LAND AREA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION as Mortgagee, which mortgage is dated May 12, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on July 8, 2004 in Liber 669 at Page 848, and upon which Mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$124,397.00, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, August 19, 2009, at 10 a.m., at the main entrance to the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.25 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows:

Part of Block 17 in the Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, Michigan. Commencing at the Westerly corner of lot 3 of said Block 17, which point is the intersection of the Southwesterly line of Lot 3 and Southeasterly line of Michigan Avenue; Thence Southwesterly (parallel with Michigan Avenue) 27.5 feet to the P.O.B.; thence Southeasterly (parallel with Cedar Street) 120.0 feet; thence Southwesterly (parallel with Michigan Avenue) 34.5 feet; thence Northwesterly (parallel with Cedar Street) 120 feet to the Southeasterly line of Michigan Avenue; thence Northeasterly 34.5 feet to the P.O.B.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
DATED: June 23, 2009
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511

-2-9-16-23

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Chad Hawley and Amy Hawley, Husband and Wife to Olympus Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated November 29, 2004 and recorded December 9, 2004 in Liber 672 Page 826 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1, by assignment dated December 6, 2004 and recorded March 12, 2008 in Liber 690, Page 579, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Fifty-Three Cents (\$77,373.53) including interest 9.275% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged-premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on July 29, 2009

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 11, Block 1, Brink's Park, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, Page 33, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 210 Rolla, Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JUNE 17, 2009 Wells Fargo Bank, NA as Trustee under Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2005 WHQ1,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No:
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ronald P. Feutz, husband and Laura L. Feutz, wife, original mortgagor(s), to Empire National Bank, a National Banking Association, Mortgagee, dated November 4, 1992, and recorded on November 5, 1992 in Liber 350 on Page 384, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Eight And 44/100 Dollars (\$44,298.44), including interest at 8.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 17, Sherwood Forest, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 25, 2009

For more information, please call:

FC F 248.593.1313

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-25-2-9-16

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James L. Goudie and Joyce E. Goudie, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Source One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 15, 1999, and recorded on October 11, 1999 in Liber 492 on Page 399, and assigned by mesne assignments to Beal Bank S.S.B. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Four And 69/100 Dollars (\$29,854.69), including interest at 11.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 22, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Part of the West 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 25; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East (along

Section line) 250.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 1 degree 13 minutes West (parallel with the West line of said Section 25) 524.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East, 50.0 feet; thence North 1 degree 13 minutes West, 268.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes West, 256.0 feet to the edge of the County Road; thence North 1 degree 13 minutes West (along County Road) 73.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East, 256.0 feet; thence North 1 degree 13 minutes West 30.8 feet; thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East, 362.0 feet to the East line of the West 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 25; thence South 1 degree 13 minutes East, 895.8 feet; thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes West, 409.5 feet to the point of beginning. Parcel 2: Starting at the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, thence North 1 degree 08 minutes West, 724.0 feet (through the middle of County Road) for a point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes West, 300.0 feet; thence North 1 degree 08 minutes West, 68.0 feet; thence North 89 degrees 35 minutes West, 300.0 feet; thence South 1 degree 08 minutes East, 68.0 feet to the point of beginning, Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 18, 2009

For more information, please call:

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File #268976F01

-18-25-2-9

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey S. Holka aka Jeff Holka, Sr., an Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2006, and recorded on January 29, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 62, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven And 04/100 Dollars (\$129,887.04), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 22, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 598 Indian Glens of the AU Sable No. 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 18, 2009

For more information, please call:

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File #186646F04

-18-25-2-9

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Fredric Jackson and Trudy Jackson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 21, 2006, and recorded on April 28, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 205, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine And 20/100 Dollars (\$132,789.20), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL No. 3: Commencing at a point which is 48 rods West and 44 rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence East 28 rods, thence South 8 rods, thence West 28 rods, thence North 8 rods to the point of beginning, Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

PARCEL No. 4: Commencing at a point which is 49 rods West and 36 rods South of the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence South 4 rods, thence East 29 rods, thence North 4 rods, thence West 29 rods to the place of beginning, Together with a right of way for ingress and egress only described as follows: Commencing at the point of beginning herein, thence 1 rods East, thence 4 rods North, thence 1 rod West, thence 4 rods South to the place of beginning.

PARCEL No. 5: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 28, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, thence West on Section line 48 rods, thence South 40 rods for place of beginning; thence East parallel with Section line 28 rods, thence South at right angles to Section line 4 rods, thence West 28 rods, thence North 4 rods to place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 25, 2009

For more information, please call:

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-25-2-9-16

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Krause and James W. Lertola, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems,

Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 6, 2004, and recorded on May 19, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 280, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Bank of America National Association as Successor by Merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee under the Trust Agreement for the Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Series 2004-BNCL as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Five Thousand Thirty-Two And 17/100 Dollars (\$45,032.17), including interest at 6.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 29, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the Center of Section 11, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, thence North 89 degrees 45 minutes East, along the North and West 1/4 line 191.60 feet to the point of beginning, thence North 2 degrees 23 minutes East 453.5 feet, thence South 85 degrees 39 minutes East 100 Feet, thence South 2 degrees 23 minutes West 445.2 feet, thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes West 100.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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Dated: June 25, 2009

For more information, please call:

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-25-2-9-16

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cecil R. Welch and Deborah L. Welch, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 6, 2007, and recorded on June

12, 2007 in Liber 687 on Page 294, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Five Thousand Four Hundred And 73/100 Dollars (\$55,400.73), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on July 15, 2009.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Block 32, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of plats, page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 11, 2009

For more information, please call:

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File #265802F01

-11-18-25-2

Last Day to Register to Vote for Primary Election

Notice of last day of registration for the electors of Crawford County residents: Beaver Creek Township, Frederic Township, Grayling Township, Lovells Township, Maple Forest Township, City of Grayling, South Branch Township.

All electors are hereby given notice **THE PRIMARY ELECTION** will be held in the above Townships/City in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on Tuesday, August 4, 2009.

The Election Will Be Held For The Purpose Of Voting On The Following Two (2) County Bond Proposals:

Bond Proposition #1

Shall the County of Crawford, Michigan, issue limited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of constructing renovations and additions to the Crawford County Building located at 4895 West North Down River Road in the City of Grayling, Michigan, formerly known as the old fish hatchery building, and making related site improvements? The primary purpose of the renovations will be to locate the offices of the Crawford County Commission on Aging at this facility or any other public purpose deemed to be appropriate by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. The maximum number of years that the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 15 years. The bonds are intended to be paid from general fund moneys of the County, and the full faith and credit of the County will be pledged as security for the bonds. The County will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to use moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due; provided, however, that the ability of the County to raise such moneys is subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County.

If this proposition and Bond Proposition No. 2 presented to the electors of the County at this August 4, 2009 election both pass, the proposition receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

Bond Proposition #2

Shall the County of Crawford, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new facility to house a Senior Center and offices of the Crawford County Commission on Aging and improving the site thereof, to be located on the east side of the East Branch of the AuSable River at the property located at 4895 West North Down River Road in the City of Grayling, Michigan? The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is 20 years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year that the levy is authorized is .27 mills (which is equal to \$0.27 per \$1,000 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property in the County); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire the bonds is .26 mills.

If this proposition and Bond Proposition No. 1 presented to the electors of the County at this August 4, 2009 election both pass, the proposition receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail.

Electors who wish to vote in the Primary Election must be registered to vote **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009**. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office or the Township or City Clerk's Office.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE:
During Regular Business hours 8:30 - 4:30 - Monday through Friday

July 6, 2009 - Last day for Electors to Register with County Clerk at 4:00 p.m. Electors who wish to register with the Township or City Clerks are advised to call ahead for office hours:

Sharon K. Hartman - Beaver Creek Township Clerk 275-8878
Nancy Bindschattel - Frederic Township Clerk 348-8778
Monica S. Ashton - Grayling Township Clerk 348-4361
Cheryl Hopp - Lovells Township Clerk 348-9215
Sandra Baynham - Maple Forest Township Clerk 348-5794
Lynn Goshore - South Branch Township Clerk 275-8232
Michele Moshier - Grayling City Clerk 348-2131

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK

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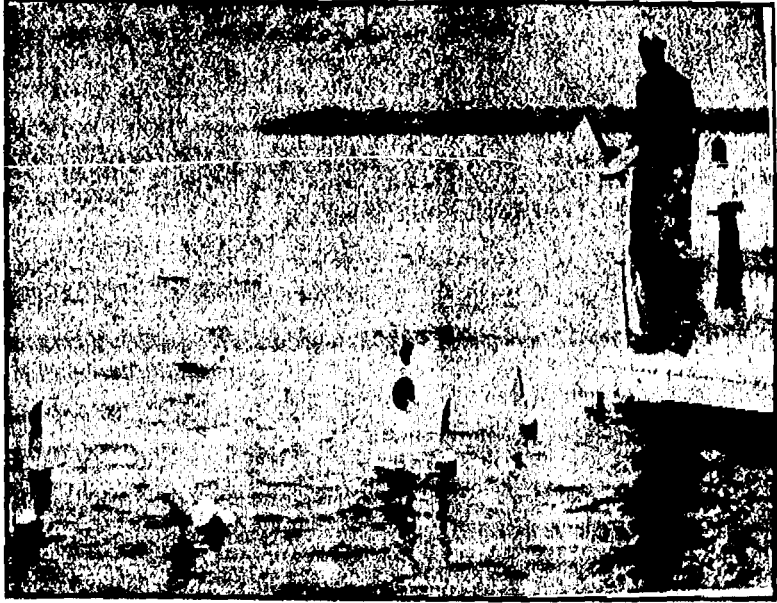
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



July 4, 1963 - Matt Edson, local tool-maker-inventor, holds the original anchor buoy, which started him on the "Beach Guard" A summer-winter "tip-up" floats among the non-sinkable area buoys which can be anchored in place by the lighthouse buoy.

**23 Years Ago
July 3, 1986**

A millage plan to support the Grayling McNamara Airport will not appear on the November ballot after all. At their June 26 regular meeting, Crawford County Commissioners rescinded an earlier motion that had placed the proposition on the ballot. Crawford County Transportation Authority director Dave Frederick, who proposed the millage plan, asked the commissioners to take it off the ballot. "Not one person outside the Crawford County Transportation Authority has come forward and said they would work to help it pass," said Frederick. "We tested the waters and found it doesn't have the kind of support it needs to

pass right now."

The introduction of five paddlers into the International Canoe Racing Hall of Fame will kick off events for the 39th annual AuSable River Canoe Marathon. The Hall of Fame ceremonies will take place in the afternoon on Saturday, July 26. The names of the initial five paddlers inducted into the Grayling canoe racing Hall of Fame have not been released yet but, word leaked out Ralph Sawyer, the all-time career point leader for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, is one of the paddlers to be honored. The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a fun day for Jerry Lewis' Kids on July 4. Kids will start off the parade, then going door to

door, in the park and downtown collecting money. The kids that collect the most money will win a racer bike from Kmart and will go with Ernie Balch on the Channel 9 & 10 Labor Day Telethon to report on what they did on the 4th of July.

**46 Years Ago
July 4, 1963**

Governor Romney announced a statewide "ringing of the bells" on July 4, to commemorate our nation's founding and urged every citizen and organization to participate in this historic ceremony.

Larry Yoder is the new City Police officer replacing Pete Stephan, who resigned to go into business with his father.

Two solo acts and the Twilight Twirlers drill team have been invited to take part in the amateur contest at the Arenac County Fair at Standish. Mrs. Darla Lippard will appear Aug. 9 and Monica Stephan and the drill team on Aug. 8. The final winner will be given transportation both to and from New York to audition for Ted Mack's television show.

The Crawford County Water Skiing Association held the first of its qualifying rounds for later tryouts for the 1968 Olympics at Lake Margrethe on June 30. Qualifying in the junior division were Derek E. McEvers, John Alef, Jr. and Wesley Hayes, Jr. In the "over 40 division" Jack Alef, Robert Hayes and Wesley Hayes (Mrs. Robert

Hayes 1/2 qualified) and in the grandparents division, Mrs. Charles E. Moore and A.J. Sorenson qualified.

The Glamour-Ama 1963 All Star Professional Variety Show will be held at the Grayling High School gym on July 12 and 13. The headliner will be Stevie Wonder and an all girl vocal group, The Supremes will perform, along with other acts. Tickets are \$1 in advance or \$1.50 at the door.

**69 Years Ago
July 4, 1940**

The South Side Bunco Club enjoyed an outing in Traverse City last week. Those who went were Mrs. Alice LaMotte, Mrs. Otto Cox, Mrs. Charles Barber, Mrs. Joe Bielski, Mrs. Emory Craft, Mrs. Ernest Lovely, Mrs. Blanche LaMotte, Mrs. Willard Harwood, Mrs. Byron Randolph and Mrs. Kenneth Clise.

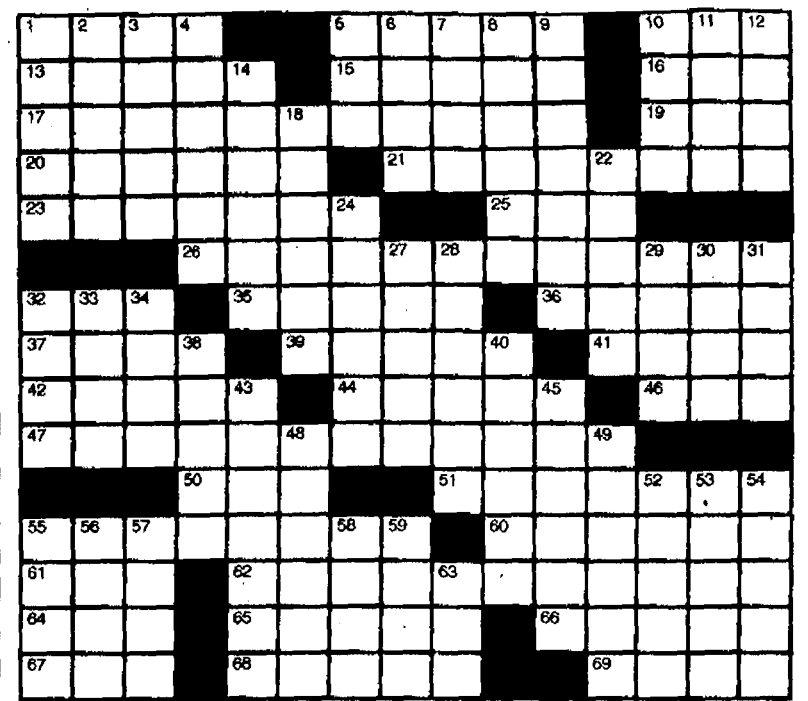
Francis and Elmo Nephew have bought a team of colts from Arthur Bigham of Maple Forest.

**92 Years Ago
July 5, 1917**

Notice was issued by the electric company last week that the lights would be out of service soon. This is necessary in order to make repairs and improvements. This will take three weeks, which means we all have to go back to oil lamps.

Miss Hattie Gierke, bookkeeper at the Salling Hanson Co. store is taking a week's vacation in Flint and Detroit.

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1. Agenda
5. Minimize loss or risk
10. Moo goo gai pan pan
13. Indian melodies
15. Beauty
16. Anger
17. Divided a disk into marked sectors
19. Used to indicate family name of a married woman
20. Bad feeling
21. Serving cart
23. Checking and sorting carefully
25. What "it" plays
26. Generous in assistance to the poor
32. "Be quiet!"
35. Official headquarters of a mandarin
36. Emergency supply
37. Rich soil consisting of sand, clay and decaying organic materials
39. Positions
41. Harmony
42. ... artery
44. Manicurist's concern
46. Grassland
47. Act of killing someone suffering from an incurable illness painlessly
50. ... system
51. U.S. writer of thrillers
55. Being essentially equal to
60. Oklahoma athlete
61. Carbonium, e.g.
62. Rod-shaped bacteria that causes typhus
64. Shag rug made in Sweden
65. Amusements or pastimes
66. Forest trees growing in a region
67. Deviation
68. Twists
69. Lentil, e.g.

3. Catlike

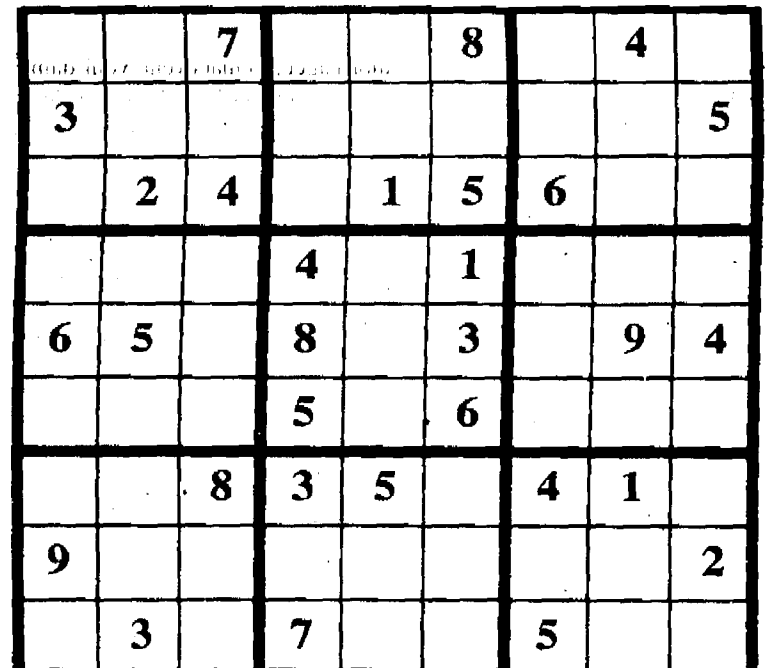
4. Person born in a particular country
5. "2001" computer
6. Cut, maybe
7. Catch some Z's
8. People who have achieved distinction
9. In or toward the direction of the ends
10. Annex
11. Sundae topper, perhaps
12. Astute
14. Largest island in the Mediterranean
18. Lover of Dido, in myth
22. Moorehead of "Bewitched"
24. Zodiacal constellation between Taurus and Cancer
27. Nickel, e.g.
28. "Mourning Becomes Electra" playwright
29. Any univalent organic radical derived from an aromatic hydrocarbon by removing a hydrogen atom
30. Ancient alphabetic character
31. Pool site, maybe
32. Big loser's nickname?
33. Burrow
34. "Aquarius" musical
38. Former Portuguese province on the south coast of China
40. Most artful
43. Human beings whose body have been taken over by electromechanical devices
45. High-hats
48. Brown bear of coastal Alaska
49. Intuitive knowledge of spiritual truths
52. Like a feeble old woman
53. Steal goods
54. Apprehension
55. Breezy
56. ... bean
57. Vex, with "at"
58. #1 spot
59. Bias
63. Cousin of -trix

Down

1. Draws up the mouth
2. Hawaiian island

SUDOKU

RULES: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once in each row, column and 3x3 box.



(PUZZLE #5 Medium, Difficulty Rating 0.61)

ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



HOROSCOPES

For the week of July 2, 2009



Capricorn
December 22-January 19
Yahoo, Capricorn. More free time is headed your way as a work project nears completion. Take a trip, pursue a hobby—just have fun. A family matter is resolved.



Aries
March 21-April 19
A financial proposal appears riskier than it is. Ask a trusted advisor to look into the matter for peace of mind. Someone at home is in crisis. Aries, and only you can help.



Cancer
June 21-July 22
Temper flare, and you must play peacemaker. Cancer. A home improvement project turns tricky, but the expertise you need is there.



Libra
September 23-October 21
Slips of the tongue make for a fiery atmosphere at work. Whip up a sweet treat to cool everyone off. Libra. A bevy of opportunity beckons. Seize it.



Aquarius
January 20-February 18
The celebration is on, and you are asked to play host. Toss aside your reservations. Aquarius, and step up to the plate. It's time you let your culinary talents shine.



Taurus
April 20-May 20
A young friend involves you in their battle for independence. Be careful how you proceed. Taurus. You don't want to step on any toes. A small windfall pumps up your bank account.



Leo
July 23-August 22
A family member offers you some sage advice. Listen carefully, Leo. They really do have your best interest at heart. A romantic gesture sets the stage for a wonderful weekend.



Scorpio
October 23-November 21
The search for a memento begins. Leave no stone unturned. Scorpio, and you will find it. Clever planning makes for a delightful party. Enjoy!



Sagittarius
November 22-December 21
Golly, Sagittarius. Your popularity increases dramatically this week, as a gaggle of friends drop by unannounced. Get out the grill and prepare a great feast.



Pisces
February 19-March 20
Gorgeous weather puts everyone in a better frame of mind. Use the positive vibes to get the fire brewing on a project at work. Pisces. A package arrives early.



Virgo
August 23-September 22
An old letter provides insight into a relationship long over. Learn from it, Virgo, and watch your relationship blossom. An heirloom returns home.



Gemini
May 21-June 21
Passion ignites, and you break out of your shell. Gemini. A weak link at work is revealed. Approach the matter with extreme caution and tact. A phone call dashes hopes.

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED! The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today! Visit our web site for more information.



Sweet Potato

Sweet Potato is a fun loving, active and very friendly young hound mix. She loves people and does well with other dogs. She will require a bit of training but has already been spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped. She is all set for a new home.

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5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

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Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday,
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After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.aacc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week			Extended Forecast					
Date	H	L	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast	Forecast
6/23/09	88	58	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
6/24/09	90	58	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
6/25/09	90	62	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
6/26/09	89	59	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
6/27/09	81	61	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
6/28/09	83	53	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
6/29/09	89	59	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



WAVE YOUR FLAG CAKE

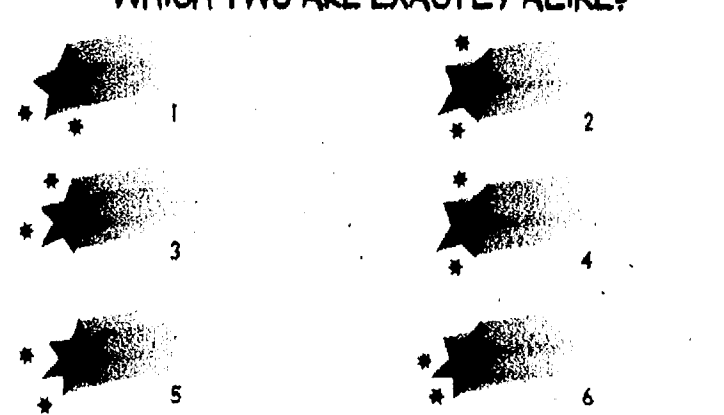
Ingredients:

- 4 cups fresh strawberries, divided
- 1-1/2 cups boiling water
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) or 2 pkg. (3 oz. each) gelatin mix, any red flavor
- ice cubes
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) pound cake, cut into 10 slices
- 1-1/3 cups blueberries, divided
- 1 tub (8 oz.) whipped topping, thawed

Directions: Slice 1 cup strawberries; cut remaining strawberries in half. Set aside. Add boiling water to gelatin mix in large bowl; stir 2 min. until completely dissolved. Add enough ice cubes to cold water to measure 2 cups. Add to gelatin; stir until ice is melted. Refrigerate 5 min. or until slightly thickened (consistency of unbeaten egg whites). Meanwhile, cover bottom of 13x9-inch dish with cake slices. Add sliced strawberries and 1 cup blueberries to thickened gelatin; stir gently. Spoon over cake slices. Refrigerate 4 hours or until firm. Spread with whipped topping. Arrange strawberry halves on whipped topping for stripes of flag and remaining blueberries for stars. Keep refrigerated.

FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



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1. Real Estate

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 Sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

RENT TO OWN my river-front home on the East Branch of the AuSable River. Take a look at this 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located in a peaceful setting surrounded by woods and wildlife, located one mile from Grayling. Call 989-348-2083 for an appointment. (6/25/09tf/1)

HOUSE AND 10 ACRES selling by owner. Three bedroom, 2 car garage 30x52 pole barn. Landscape garden pond, snowmobile trail with in 500 ft. Fox Run golf course at end of road, road is county maintained. 6663 Beaver Road 989-390-4767. (-25-2/1)

2. For Rent

CHARMING, FURNISHED, 2 bedroom 1 bath home with attached one car garage in wooded country setting on 6 acres. Cable, washer/dryer. Perfect for one or two people. 10 miles south of Grayling, 6 miles west of Roscommon, near Higgins Lake. Convenient to I-75 and US-127. \$450 per month, security deposit, credit check, rent & employer references required. Non smokers only. Please call 678-910-0886. (-2-9-16/2)

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06tf/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (1/15/09tf/2)

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2. For Rent

2 & 3 BEDROOM homes remodeled, 1 1/2 baths, good neighborhood, garage. Non-smokers please. \$695 and \$570. 1056 Little John Avenue and 608 Ogema. 348-2178. (6/4/09tf/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for immediate availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (03/26/09tf/2)

HALL FOR RENT with kitchen facility. Also taking reservations for summer outdoor pavilion. Beaver Creek Township. Call 989-275-8878. (LR-8/20/09/2)

1 BEDROOM upstairs apartment for single person. No children or pets. Immediate occupancy. 989-348-4006, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (4/23/09tf/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment upstairs in downtown Grayling. Lease plus security deposit. 989-348-2833. (-25-2-9-16/2)

2 BEDROOM HOUSE, 1/2 mile from Bear Lake \$450 a month plus \$300 deposit. Call 231-275-6887. (-2-9/2)

NEWER 3 BEDROOM 2 bath home with 2 car detached garage, \$700 per month with one month security. Propane budget \$100 per month, no pets. Located in Beaver Creek Township near 4 Mile Road exit. Phone 989-915-9563 (-2/2)

THREE BEDROOM one bath close to town, \$750 a month plus utilities no pets 989-344-9929, evenings (6/11/09tf/2)

5 ACRE RIVER FRONT property. Quite 2 bed, 2 bath modular home, large patio and yard. \$525/month includes snow plow. Deposit and references required. Call 989-348-9676 email nate.foster@comcast.net. (-18-25-2-9)

Grayling Pines Apartments

Grayling Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas and private patios/balconies. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

WHISPERING PINES APARTMENTS
Whispering Pines Apartments is currently accepting applications for 1-and 2-bedroom apartments. We are accepting applications for Seniors 62 years of age and older and Handicap/Disabled persons, regardless of age. Income-based rent is available. Apartments feature walk-in closets, air conditioning and open living areas. Rent includes heat, domestic hot water and more. For more information, or to tour the property, please call (989)344-0020. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD 1-800-649-3777

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT in town. 3 bdrm, \$650/month + deposit. Can be reached at 616-942-1199. (-25-2/2)

FOR RENT 4 BEDROOM, 1 bath on 5 acres, available Aug. 1, 989-786-4716. (-25-2-9-16/2)

FOR RENT ONE BEDROOM apartments located in town. Call 989-370-2745 or 989-710-1194. (-25/2/tf)

HOUSE FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, garage, basement, lovely setting. References and deposit. Call 348-2473. (-2/2)

LEASE WITH OPTION to buy 4-5 bedroom home on 5 acres, 2 1/2 car garage, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, microwave included. Rent \$600 plus security deposit plus utilities. No cats or small dogs. Call 517-768-9894. (-2-9-16-23/2)

HOUSE FOR RENT 2 bedrooms 1 bath \$650 with discount. Includes water and heat 760-567-5536. (-2/2)

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3. Employment

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Phone: (989) 348-0358

Fax: (989) 348-0485

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MERCY HOSPITAL GRAYLING

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APTS. 306 Knight in Grayling has a one bedroom unit available. Rent based on income minimum \$445 includes heat. Community room and laundry area for residents use. Applications at office on site or by calling 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707 Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD#1-800-855-1155. (-2-9/2)

2 BEDROOM MOBILE 2 car garage no pets \$500 plus \$500 deposit, utilities not included. Call after 5 p.m. 989-348-3956. (-2-9/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath on three acres, \$650 plus deposit. 810-225-0395. (-2-9/2)

EFFICIENCY CABIN close to town, one bedroom \$395 per month, \$395 security, \$50 cleaning fee, utilities not included. No pets. (-2/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Located just off McIntyre's Landing Road on Madison. Near public access to lake. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-2/2)

3. Employment

2. For Rent

ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX apartment \$400 per month plus deposit and utilities. Located at 405 Division Street, Roscommon. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-2/2)

3. Employment

HIGH PAYING CAREERS for women/men in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. Call toll free for information 10888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-11-18-25-2-9-16-23-30/3)

HELP WANTED Part time nights and weekends home health care provider needed. Must be able to lift. Please call 348-8953 after 4:30. (-25-2/3)

KITCHEN HELP WANTED no phone inquiries \$10 an hour starting wage. Gates Ausable Lodge 471 Stephan Bridge Road. (-2/3)

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NOW HIRING No experience necessary. Expanding distribution center is now seeking sharp men and women for full time positions in several departments. Excellent pay, promotional opportunity and bonuses offered. Call for interview 989-732-2175. (-2/3)

4. Services Offered

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

HAVE SAW WILL TRAVEL quality tree removal, stump grinding pruning 989-348-4171. (LR9/17/09/4)

3. Employment

Help Wanted

Cook with prior military experience and/or recent high volume cooking experience. July 15- July 30 Camp Grayling.

Nancy
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CHILD'S PLAY DAY CARE has openings for children ages 1-12. Licensed, insured, trained. Come join the fun. 348-4249. (-2/4)

MILLTOWN FENCE All types, repair, free estimates. Call 989-348-9188. (LR07/30/09/4)

LIFE PROBLEMS getting you down? Call GRACE Center, 989-348-2544. (3/19/09tf/4)

APPLIANCE PARTS All major brands. Most parts in stock. Appliance Parts 6840 M-72 West, Grayling, across from the Ole Barn. 989-348-5971. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. (-2-9-16-23-30/4)

SLOAN AUCTIONS over 50 combined years of auction experience. Ethical, professional. We do all types of auctions. many options, call and we'll talk it over. John Sloan 989-275-8703, Stan Sloan 231-525-8626. (-2-9-16-23/4)

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PROFESSIONAL CARPET CLEANING. 5 room special \$129, 4 rooms \$99, 2 rooms \$75. Also sofas & chairs. Senior citizen discount. Also carpet sales & service, several rolls of carpet & vinyl in stock, cheap prices. (-25-2/4)

DOES YOUR CHILD STRUGGLE to read? Certified teacher willing to tutor. Call Jenny at 989-390-5727. (-2-9/4)

HORSE BOARDING Need a home for your horses? Call 989-390-4296. (-2-9-16-23-30/4)

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5. For Sale

OUTBOARD MOTOR 9.9 Johnson, 1998 very low hours, 2 stroke, non tiller w/ controls & cables, power assist lift, long shaft, gas tank and line. \$1,100. Grayling area (303) 881-3209. (-2-9/5)

NEW APPLIANCES not in your budget? Call Paul for service and good used appliances, 348-0167. (-2-9/5)

CABIN LOGS rough sawn lumber, kiln dried lumber, tongue & groove, log siding, custom sawing. T. Warren Sawmill. 989-619-0840. (LR07/16/09/5)

MARTY'S FIREWOOD Dry oak \$50 per cord. Credit cards accepted. Also wanted, standing timber. 989-390-3930. (-2-9-16-23-30/5)

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RESIDENTIAL LOTS/LAKEFRONT for sale in Waters. Call 989-348-9300. (-11-18-25-2/5)

OAK FIREWOOD barkless dry, split 16"-18" \$50 cord Grayling area, other area \$75. 989-348-7046. (-2-9/5)

FOR SALE small 5 year old terrier mix neutered all shots \$20, 390-1705. (-2/5)

FOR SALE two Whirlpool casement air conditioners. Fit sliding windows. 8,000 BTU still in the box \$250. 10,000 BTU used \$150. Cement motor mixer with extra new 3/4 HP motor \$150. 989-275-8684 evenings. (-2/5)

5. For Sale

COUCH BERNE \$125, cedar chest \$50, Lazyboy recliner \$80, 1 dresser \$40, Queen size bed, perfect sleeper new mattress \$500, glider chair \$80, overstuffed glider chair \$80, rocking chair \$30, 22" power pro push mower \$95, 6 foot aluminum step ladder \$40. Misc. sale July 3 & 4. 7723 North Valley Rd, off Cameron Bridge Rd, follow purple signs. (-2/5)

HIDE A BED full size neutral colors, like new \$75. Call 989-821-6492. (-2-9/5)

JAZZY PRIDE WHEELCHAIR with new battery and freedom swing away vehicle wheelchair lift \$850. 989-348-5310, 941-445-0885. (-2/5)

6. Wanted

WOW Don will pay you \$100 to \$200 for your junk vehicle. 231-587-0856 or 888-468-7313. (4/2/09tf/6)

PAYING CASH for used propane cylinders. Must be in decent shape. Please call 800-292-9295 or 348-7647. (4/16/09tf/6)

BUYING SCRAP METAL All grades. SMR 989-275-6041. (10/16/08tf/6)

7. Miscellaneous

GERTA'S DRAPERIES "Everything in Window Treatments." Free estimates and in-home appointments. Established in 1958. Call 989-732-3340 or visit our showroom at 2281 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord. (3/26/09tf/7)

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8. Announcements

MIP and anger management programs. GRACE Center, Grayling. 989-348-2544. (10/11/07tf/8)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR Place your organization's events on Crawford County's Community Calendar. Go to crawford-countyavalanche.com, under services, to submit your event. For more information, call our office at 989-348-6811. (-3/19/09tf/8)

FICK & SONS JULY STIMULUS We will offer special propane prices again during the month of July. These prices are available at our Grayling, West Branch, Mikado and Houghton Lake offices as well as Charlie's Country Corner. 20 lb. - \$10, 30 lb. - \$17 and 100 lb. - \$55. New customer special and current customers lock in prices are still available. Don't wait for prices to increase. We do not charge fuel surcharges, hazmat fees or administration fees. Please call 800-292-9295 for details and thank you for your business. Open Saturday 9 am - noon. (-2-9-16-23-30/8)

OPEN MIC NIGHT Friday July 3 between 6-8 p.m. at Thanks A Latte coffee shop in the Flowers By Josie building. Come and entertain us. (-2/8)

8. Announcements

\$9.95 A DOZEN wrapped carnations at Flowers By Josie for the month of July. You can treat a friend or two at this price. Cash and carry. (-2-9-16-23-30/8)

PARKING LOT AUCTION July 5, 10 am. Perry Creek & M-33 Mio. Parking lot auction designed for anyone to bring items that morning to have sold. Buyers: An exciting auction to attend. 2 auction rings. Anything and everything can and will show up. View online or call Let's Talk Auction 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-2/8)

FRIDAY AUCTION July 3, 10 am, Mio. Perry Creek & M-33 Mio. Furniture, Fenton glass, household, kitchen, antiques, collectibles, primitives, sportsman, 1979 Corvette, horse buggy, sleighs & sulky, coins and much more. View online or call Lets Talk Auction 989-848-5158, www.LetsTalkAuction.com. (-2/8)

STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE call Ron at 989-348-6761. (7/4/09tf/8)

8. Announcements

AUSABLE VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER'S Board of Directors will meet on Monday, July 13 at 4:30 p.m. at the Gray Rock Cafe on Industrial Drive in Grayling. Discussion will include fundraising and other activities. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend and volunteers are needed for upcoming events. For more information, call Sec./Treas. Cheryl Raley at 989-348-1429. (-2/8)

COME AND SEE Pastor James Gale at the Free Methodist Church on M-72 on July 5 at 6 pm. He has pastored his own church for over 20 years and he ministers in churches and prisons with his anointed guitar playing, singing and preaching God's word. He will also be playing in the 4th of July parade. Come and enjoy on July 5 at 6 pm. (-2/8)

9. Personals

HAPPY 3RD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Kimberly and Clark. (-2/9)

10. Garage Sales

MOVING SALE 3611 Chase Bridge Rd. Fri & Sat July 3rd & 4th 9 to 4, follow signs. (-2/10)

402 ITEMS can't name them all. From furniture to clothes, jewelry, antiques, crystal and hundreds of other items. M-72 East to McMaster's Bridge Rd., 4 miles to Arrow Dr. July 3, 4, 5 and 6, from 10 to 5. (-2/10)

GARAGE SALE, July 3rd, 9-? at 401 Lake Street, nice clothes, knick knacks, pictures, xmas items, misc. all items very nice and great prices. (-25-2/10)

10. Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE Friday July 3 from 9 - 6. Large woman's clothes 1X-5X, kerosene heater, Princess House china, potted perennial plants, new scooter electric chair, lots of misc. Priced to sell. 317 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, 1 mile out North Down River Road. (-2/10)

TWO LARGE GARAGE SALES south of 4 mile Rd., follow signs. 8294 Julie Ln. off W. Six Mile Rd. by Moose Lodge and 4848 Fletcher Rd. off S. Grayling Rd. Hot tub, trike, m/w jeans, motorcycle parts, books, dishes, depression glass, collectibles, girls clothes sizes 6-10, chevy truck cap, junkie, etc. July 3 & 4, Fri & Sat, 9-5. (-2/10)

MOVING SALE no early sales, cash only. Starting July 2, 3-4. 3687 Twin Pine Rd. off Wakeley. (-2-9-16-23/10)

GARAGE SALE July 3-4, 9-2. Crafts, household, sporting goods, tools. 1487 S. Thendara Rd. (-2/10)

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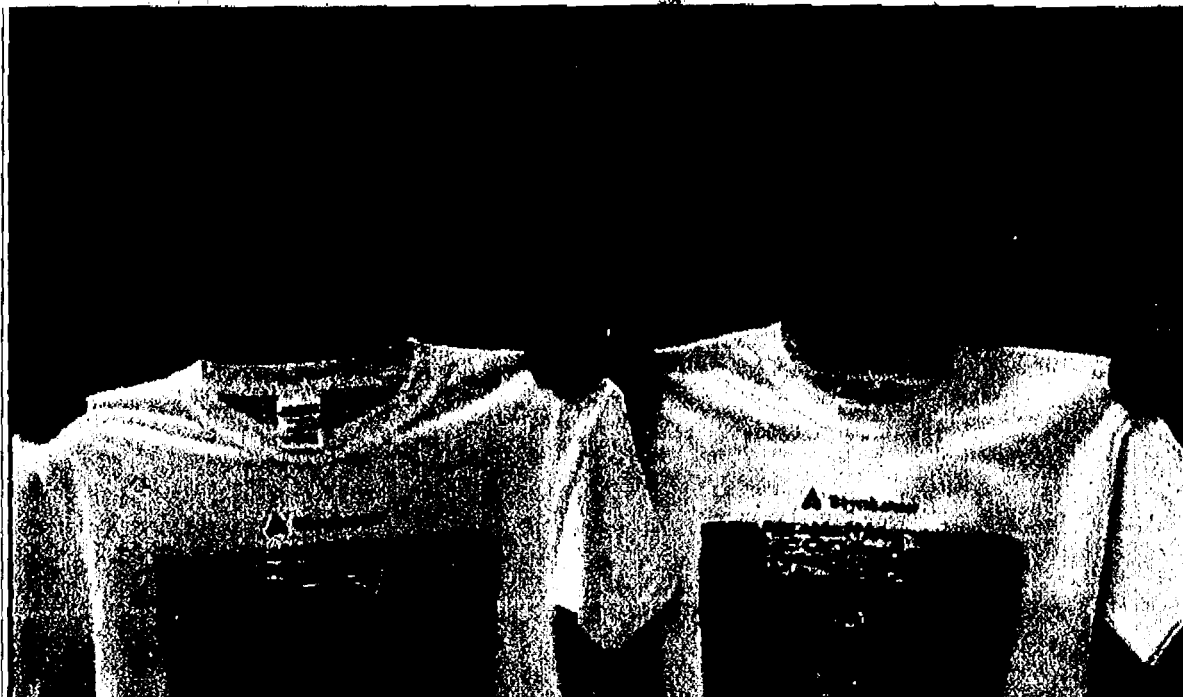
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Drawings completed by Josie Trudgeon and Ashley Vitale were combined for the kids T-shirt which will be sold for the 62nd annual Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Above, Trudgeon and Vitale display the shirts they received at a AuSable Primary School assembly where the winners of T-shirt design contest were announced.

Student creations combined for AuSable Marathon T-shirt

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

The talent of two budding AuSable Primary School artists will be showcased on the bodies of their school peers, adults and Grayling visitors later this month.

Drawings completed by Josie Trudgeon and Ashley Vitale were combined for the kids T-shirt which will be sold for the 62nd annual Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon.

This is the third year that the AuSable International River Marathon Committee turned to the kids to design the T-shirt for the marathon and AuSable River Festival.

A total of 225 drawings were submitted for this year's contest.

The drawing done by Josie Trudgeon, age 8, the daughter of Kathy and Rene Trudgeon, was selected for this year's shirt. Trudgeon was in a multi-age class taught by Kelly Moffit and Lori Patterson, which is comprised of first and second graders.

Text from Vitale's submission, which says AuSable River Canoe Marathon 62nd Year - 2009, was combined with the drawing. Vitale, age 7, is the daughter of Alma Mendoza and Brian Vitale. She was in Suzanne Schlachter's second grade class.

Trudgeon's picture depicts race paddlers heading toward the finish line, spectators on the banks of the river holding signs which say "Go, Go," a dark sky and the blue water of the river.

Josie's Aunt Carrie Montgomery has paddled in a number of races and Uncle Tom Trudgeon holds many AuSable River Canoe Marathon records.

Along with being in the thick of AuSable Canoe Marathon festivities, the family also views the begging stages of the race at Aunt Toni Banda's home off of Orbit Drive.

"Usually, all the Trudgeons come home that weekend and this place becomes canoe central because we're here right in town," Kathy Trudgeon said.

Josie said she was shocked when AuSable International River Marathon Committee members said her drawing was the winning entry at a school assembly for the contest.

"I was really surprised when they announced who won it," Josie said.

Kathy said Josie's twin sister, Dana, was a bit jealous after she won the contest. But just days after the assembly, Dana was recognized for being the best poet at the AuSable

Primary School.

"We have a poet and an artist," Kathy said. Vitale said she was pleased with the way the T-shirt came together.

"I was proud of my work and I worked really hard on it," she said.

Brian Vitale said Ashley has been honing her creativity from an early age.

"Ever since I can remember, she just picks up on things and goes with it," he said. "She's constantly amazing our family and friends and she just loves it."

Brian said his mother, Pat Vitale, usually takes the grandchildren to the AuSable River Festival to be take part of the activities.

"Grandma takes them downtown to get a feel for things and to sit watch for a little while," he said.

Joe Wakeley, secretary for the AuSable International River Marathon Committee, said Vitale's text served as a perfect combination to Trudgeon's artwork.

"That just popped out more and it was more kid friendly," Wakeley said.

All submissions for this year's AuSable Canoe Marathon will be displayed at the AuSable Canoe River Marathon store.

"There were a lot of cute designs and a lot of creative things they did," Wakeley said.

Wakeley and Cheryl McCurdy, a AuSable International River Marathon Committee member, said they hope the contest spurs youngsters to do other art projects to support the community.

"It great for the school and gives them another art project for the year," McCurdy said. "It gets them involved in the community and the marathon at a young age."

"The skies the limit," Wakeley added. "There is no question that the kids shirts designed by the kids sell a lot better than if we designed them ourselves."

Cheryl Millikin, the AuSable Primary School's librarian, helps coordinate the contest with teachers and students. She also plans the assembly where the winners were announced.

"She is very instrumental in getting this done and we wouldn't be able to do this without her," Wakeley said.

The kids T-shirts were produced earlier this year, so that youngsters will know what to look for during the marathon.

"The winners got the first two shirts hot off the presses," Wakeley said.

Fourth of July kicks off Victory Bell campaign

by Dan Sanderson

Staff Writer

Grayling High School's Class of 2012 hopes as the bell tolls, victory rolls at Ferguson Field.

The Grayling High School Class of 2012 received approval to raise funds to install a Victory Bell at Ferguson Field as a "legacy" to the school from their class.

The goal is to raise the bell for the first home football game their junior year in the fall 2010. Fund-raising efforts are underway. The estimated cost of the project is between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

In May, 2010 Class officer Camren Wilson and Thomas Burrell pitched the Victory Bell proposal to Crawford AuSable Schools Superintendent Joe Powers and Athletic Director Tim Sanchez.

"We think this is a cool way for our class

to return a favor to the district and community," Wilson said. "Victory Bells are an exciting part of school spirit at high schools and colleges all over the country and Ferguson Field will soon have one to show off."

The fund-raising will include the purchase of the bell, building a mount for the bell and installation.

The official kick-off for the project is selling root beer floats at the Grayling Youth Booster Club's concession stand during Kids Day on the Fourth of July.

The class will also be a part of the Fourth of July parade - with their float - to help generate interest for the initiative.

The community support of this project is already evident in donations offered for the root beer float project by Wimpy's, 7-Eleven and Ole Dam Party Store, Wilson said.

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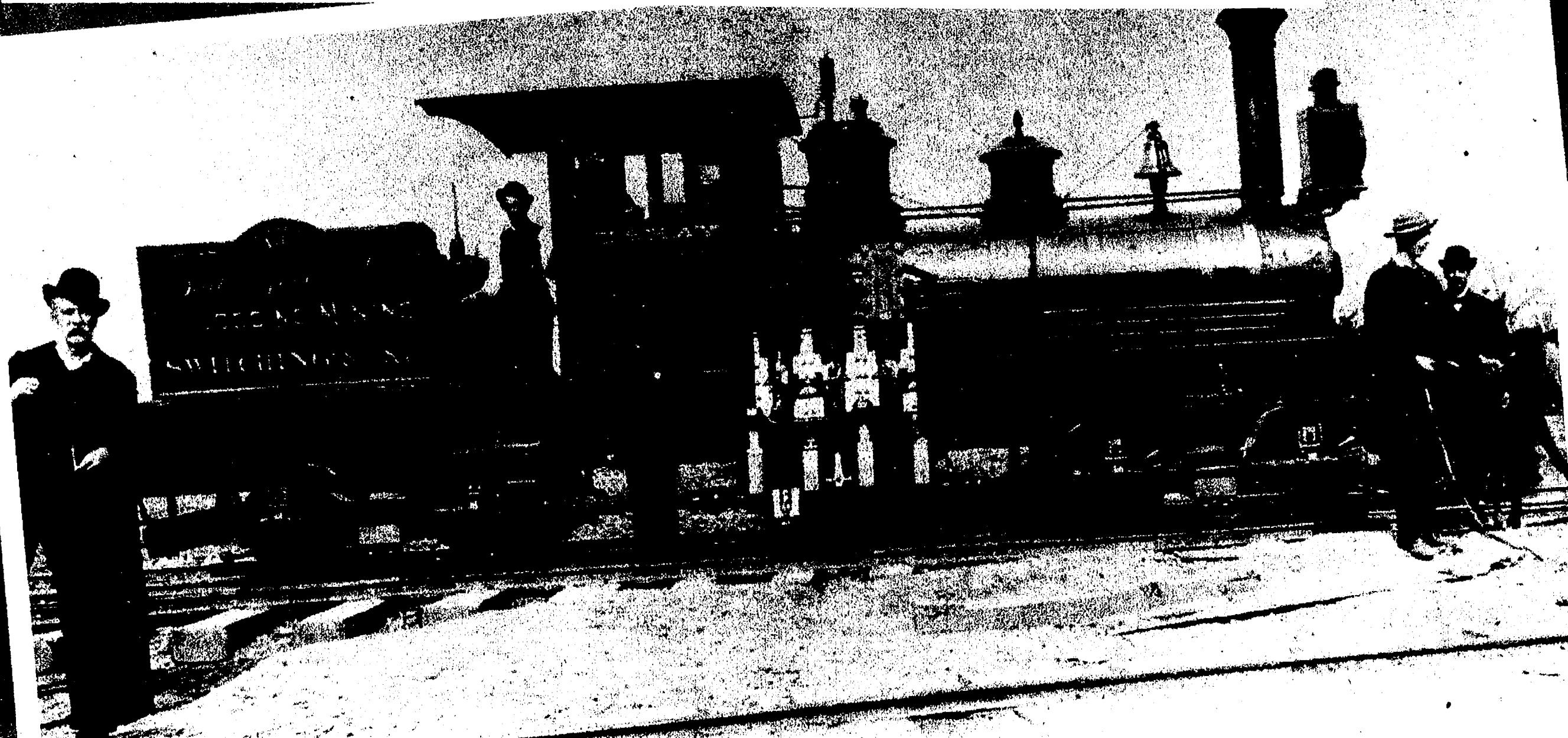
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A brief look at the history of Crawford County

The Mystery of Bradford Lake

Crawford County may not be home to the Loch Ness Monster or the Bermuda Triangle, but the upper tip of the county is home to an underwater curiosity that has generated its own share of rumor and speculation. **Page 7**



THE ENGINE that many believe crashed through thin ice into Bradford Lake would have looked similar to this logging locomotive photographed in Cadillac in 1904. Skeptics contend that, although some loaded flat cars may have fallen into the lake, there is no engine to be found.

The Huron National Forest: 100 Years

The United States is filled with national forests, each of which has its own unique and compelling history. Many Grayling residents may not realize that visiting one of these historic landmarks doesn't require a plane ticket. A chunk of the Huron-Manistee National Forest is located right in Crawford County. This year, the forest is celebrating its first 100 years. **Page 2**



PARTS OF the Huron National Forest have been developed for tourist use. Kneff Lake features a designated swimming area and campground. It is a popular destination for summer fun.

The Huron National Forest: 100 Years in Crawford County

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

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This year, the forest is celebrating its first 100 years. It has a rich history that ties this county with many other parts of northern Michigan.

Early Beginnings

The Native American Chippewas originally occupied the area of Crawford County that includes the Huron National Forest.

The French were the first to explore and identify parts of what would become the national forest in the early 1600s, although they did not establish any notable settlements in the Crawford County area.

These early explorers named the Huron Forest after the Canadian Huron tribe, who were allied with the French at the time.

It would take another two centuries for Europeans to begin the widespread settlement of the interior of northern Michigan. This phase of development began largely with the fur trade that

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The Huron National Forest includes parts of Crawford County. It is an area with a rich history and an important mission of nature and wildlife preservation.




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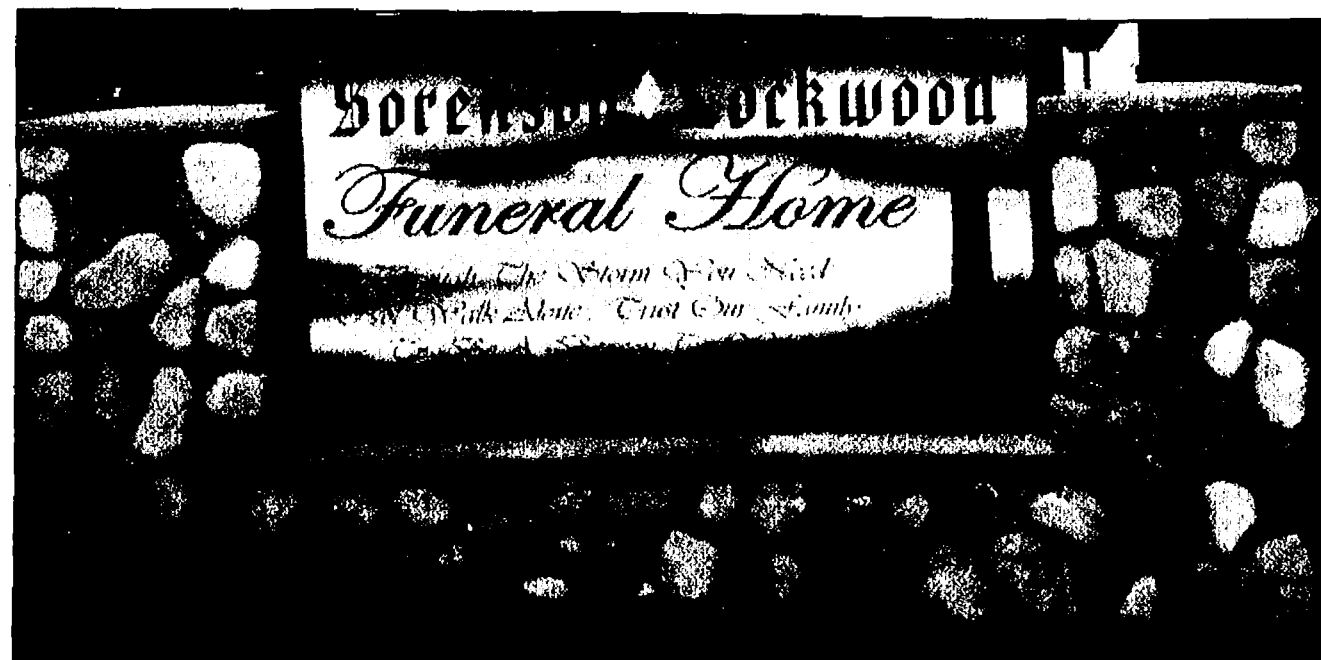
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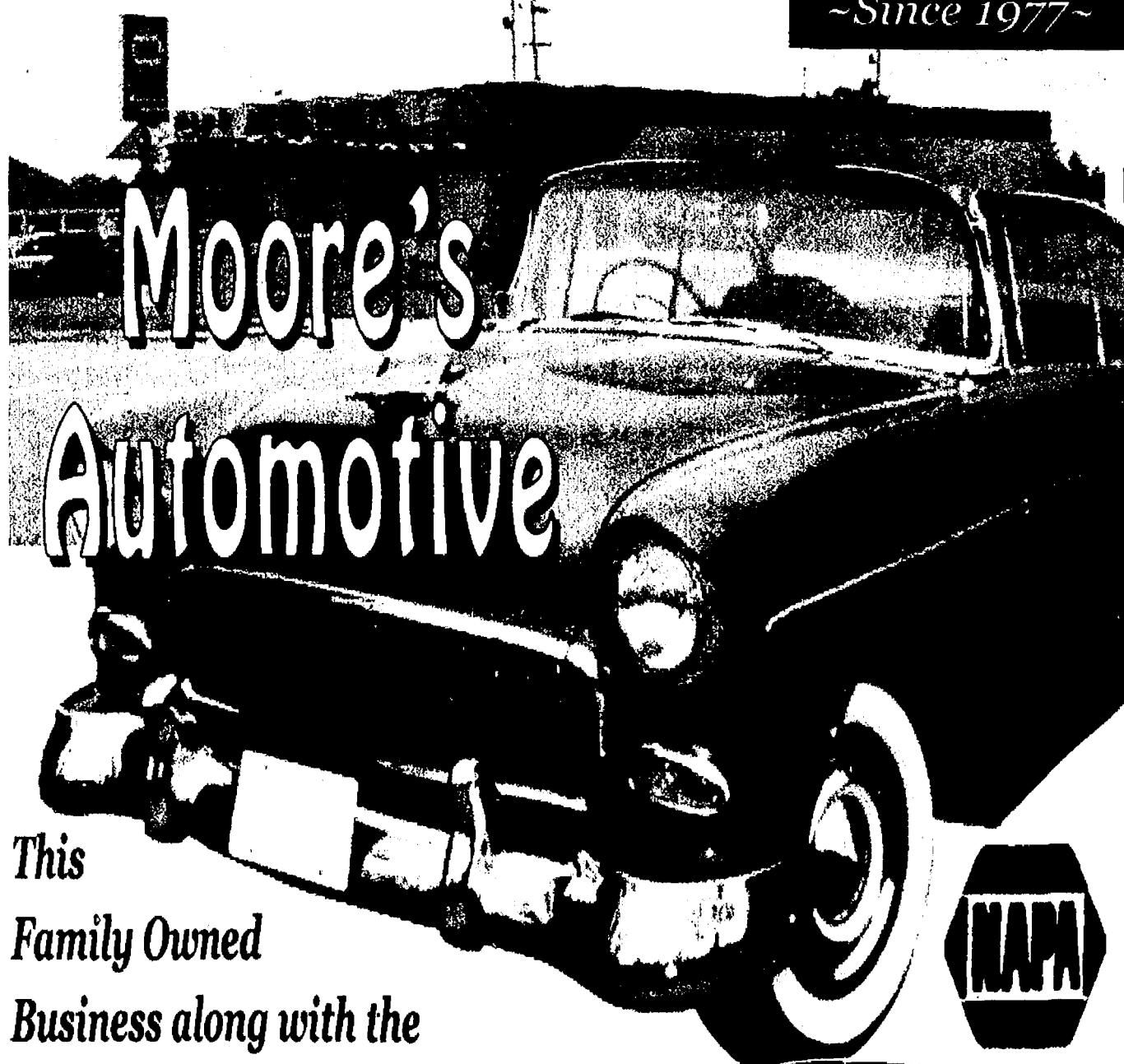
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boomed in the area following the War of 1812.

At this time, there was still a very strong Chippewa presence in the area. In 1819, the federal government purchased the land that would eventually become the Huron National Forest from the Chippewa tribes.

Between 1835 and 1844, American surveyors began the first detailed exploration of the area. By this time, Americans had realized that Michigan had at least one obvious economic resource: lumber.

The Logging Era

The logging boom began in the mid 1800s. Some of the earliest logging outfits near Grayling included Jerolman Lumber Company and Pack and Wood. Major contenders such as the Salling-Hanson Company eventually established themselves in the Crawford County area.

As the industry boomed, more and more settlers were attracted to the area. Grayling Township was established in 1874.

Around the same year, the area's first full time narrow gauge logging engine was assembled in Grayling. The logging boom was short lived. By 1890, most of the large hardwood trees in the area had been leveled.

A New Outlook

By the 1890s, the national attitude was changing. Whereas forests had

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Hardwood trees like the large red oaks pictured here fueled the Michigan logging boom of the late 1800s. By the beginning of the 20th Century, deforestation had taken a toll on northern Michigan ecosystems.

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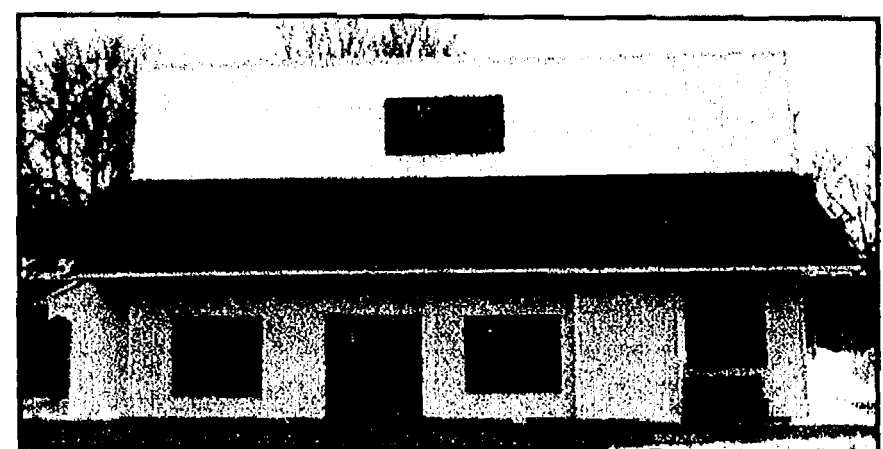
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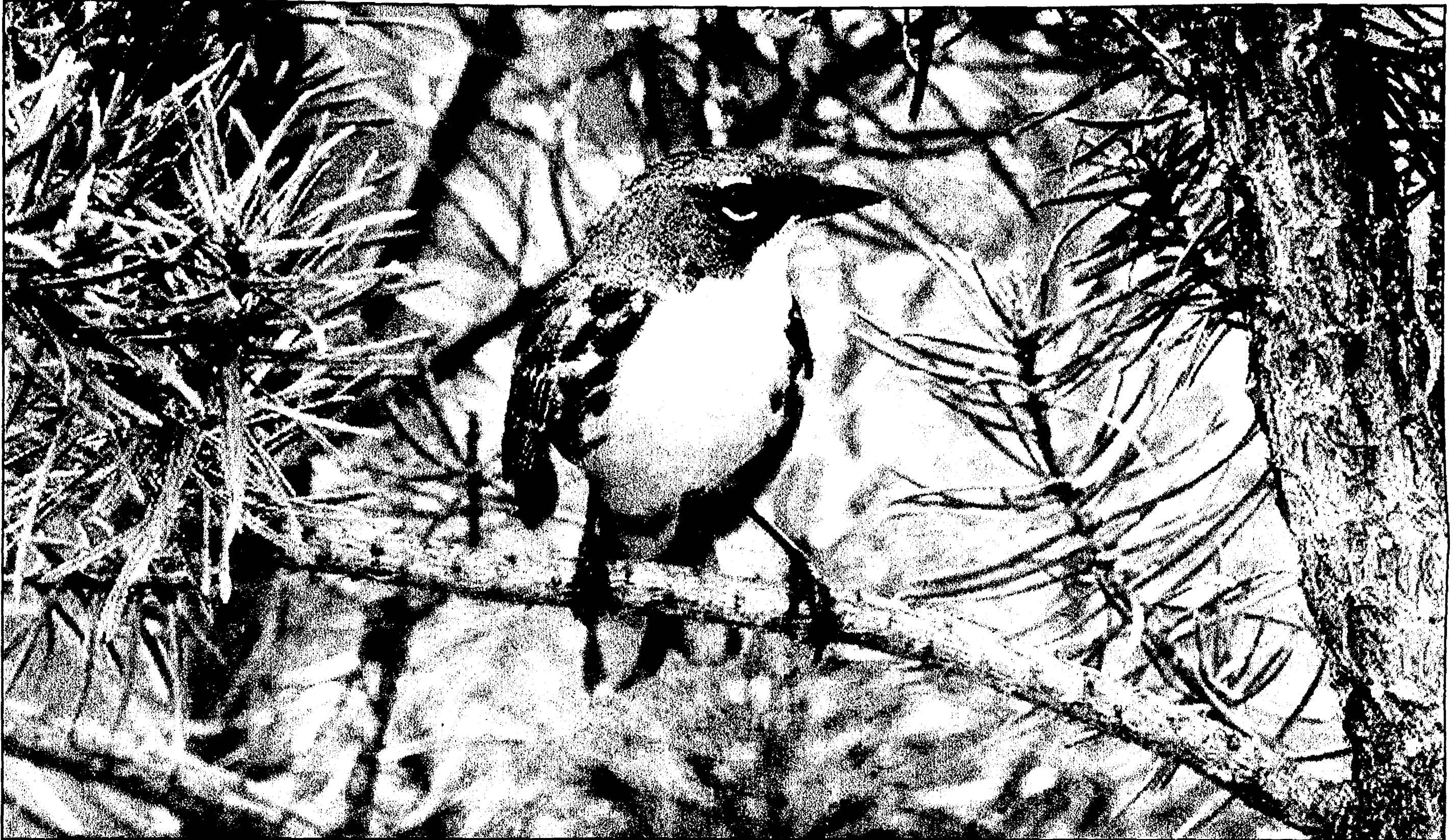


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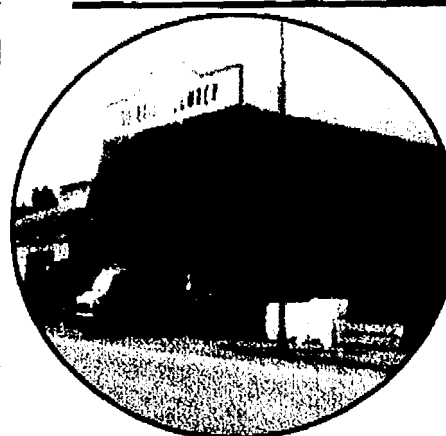
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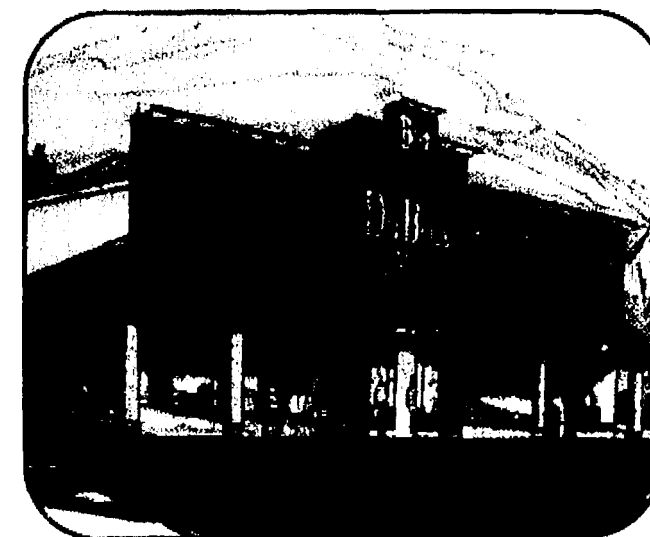
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once been regarded as an unlimited economic resource, a new conservationist attitude emerged in the wake of the massive national deforestation.

Under the presidential administration of Benjamin Harrison, the notion of "forest reserves" was born. On Mar. 5, 1891, the "Creation By Executive Action Act" was passed.

It states "that the President of the United States may, from time to time, set apart and reserve, in any State or Territory having public land bearing forests, in any part of the public lands wholly or in part covered with timber or undergrowth, whether of commercial value or not, as public reservations."

At this time, the Federal Government owned a great deal of northern Michigan land that was considered "public domain." Any public domain land could be privately purchased from the government for the purpose of settlement or development.

Taking advantage of this new act, the government withdrew all remaining public domain land in Crawford County from sale in 1902.

The purpose of this protected land was further clarified six years later by the "Purpose of Nation Forests Act." This act states, in part, "no public forest reservation shall be established, except to improve and protect the forest within the reservation."

A National Forest Is Born

This Crawford County land, combined with hundreds of acres of adjoining federal land in neighboring counties, formed

the basis of the Michigan National Forest. On Feb. 11, 1909, the last year of his presidency, President Theodore Roosevelt issued the following proclamation:

"Whereas, the public lands in the State of Michigan, which are hereinafter indicated, are in part covered with timber, and it appears that the public good would be promoted by utilizing said lands as a National Forest ... therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America ... do proclaim that they are hereby reserved from settlement or entry and set apart from public reservation, for the use and benefit of the people, all the tracts of land, in the State of Michigan, shown as the Michigan National Forest."

The next year, work began to plant new trees and foster growth in the forest, much of which had suffered a major toll in the logging years.

Although this endeavor peaked in the 1920s, replanting efforts continue to this day. Over the next several decades, forest administrators took a great number of projects with the Michigan National Forest, including more replanting and work involving the conservation of native species.

Parts of the forest were also developed for tourist use, which included the creation of non-invasive forest roads and the establishment of camping areas.

The Name Game

In 1928, President Calvin Coolidge signed a proclamation renaming the Michigan National Forest to the Huron National Forest. This was done in order to

avoid confusion with Michigan state forests.

In 1945, the Huron National Forest was combined with the Manistee National Forest to become the Lower Michigan National Forest. This name was later changed to the Huron-Manistee National Forest, which remains the official title today.

The two halves of the forest are physically separated; thus, it is still common to refer to the part that includes Crawford County simply as the Huron National Forest.

The Kirtland's Warbler

The best-known Huron National Forest conservation project that included parts of Crawford County was the restoration of the Kirtland's Warbler. The bird, which commonly nests in or near the Grayling area, was first described in 1851.

Within a century, it was already on the brink of extinction. In 1957, special configurations of jack pines were planted to create an expanded habitat for the rare birds.

National forest officials developed an official management plan for the birds in 1963. Despite these efforts, the Kirtland's Warbler population continued to dwindle. Federal and state "Endangered Species Acts" in the mid-1970s gave conservationists additional resources to help combat this decline.

There have been steady efforts to preserve and maintain the Kirtland's Warbler's habitat over the last few decades. Today, the future of the bird is

looking bright.

Crawford County's National Treasure

The Huron National Forest continues to be an invaluable resource for outdoorsmen and nature lovers of all kinds.

Crawford County has two primary access sites: The Wakeley Lake Foot Travel Area and Kneff Lake.

The Wakeley Lake Foot Travel Area is located off M-72 East, 10 miles from downtown Grayling. The area features a network of trails surrounding Wakeley Lake.

It's intended to be the perfect stop for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and bird watching. For those who want to observe nature at its most pure and serene, the Wakeley Lake Foot Travel Area shows off some of the best of what the Huron National Forest has to offer.

Those who seek a sun-soaked summer experience might find Kneff Lake to be the ideal match. It is located about eight miles down M-72 East on the right.

The lake is a popular swimming area and also offers a well-regulated campground. It is ideal for a day in the sun or an overnight camping adventure.

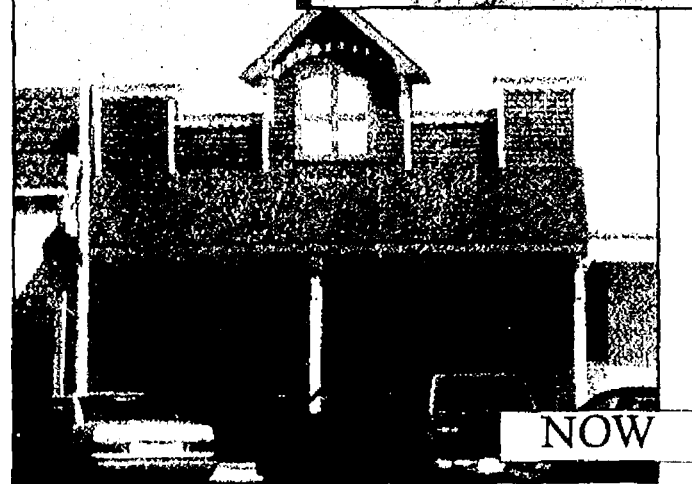
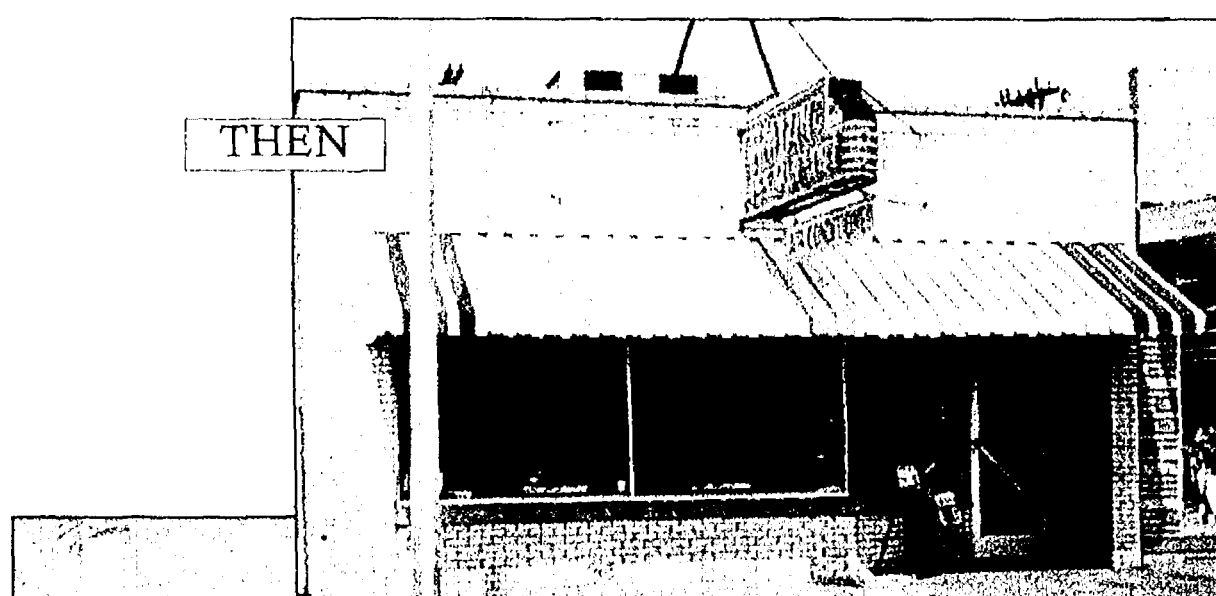
Both locations serve as a reminder that Crawford County's forest areas shine as brightly in the present as they did in the past.

For more on the first 100 years of the Huron-Manistee National Forest, including event information, visit http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/pages/About_Info/huron.htm.

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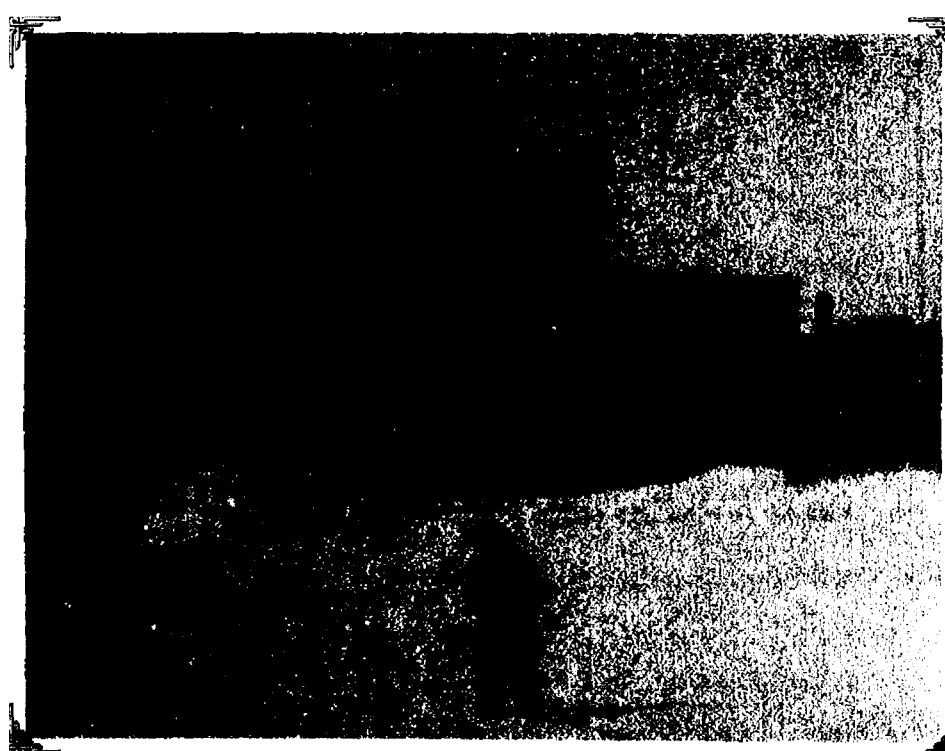


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The American Legion Post #106 - Grayling was chartered in October 1920. The old hall of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.), on Peninsular Avenue, was given to the American Legion Post #106 by the Woman's Relief Corp. (an auxiliary of the G.A.R.). The post met in this building until 1956 when the current American Legion building on the I-75 Business Loop, became the new home with 8 bowling alleys and a snack bar. In 1960, the Legion sold the old American Legion building on Peninsular Avenue to the Moose Lodge club. The old American Legion/G.A.R. building no longer exists. At present, the business of Pat Gale Enterprises is where the building previously stood.

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The Mystery of Bradford Lake

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Crawford County may not be home to the Loch Ness Monster or the Bermuda Triangle, but the upper tip of the county is home to an underwater curiosity that has generated its own share of rumor and speculation.

Bradford Lake is located on the line between the counties of Crawford and Otsego. It can be accessed via Old 27.

The Legend

A cursory visit to the lake will reveal nothing out of the ordinary. It is a popular sight for fishing and recreation and is largely surrounded by undeveloped land. It doesn't stand out from the many other small lakes in Crawford County.

The locals, however, know better. There is a great deal of speculation regarding the history of Bradford Lake. It is believed by some that a train somehow plunged into the lake at the turn of the century, possibly even killing a railroad worker.

Early Research

The quest for the true story begins in Waters at a small shop called "Shakes N' Such." Posted on the wall is an article by journalist Bill Granlund, who appears to have been the first modern writer to seriously research the lake's history. Unfortunately, there is no date attached to his article.

Granlund was not convinced that there was any real substance to the rumors surrounding the lake's history. He printed the following opinion in his article:

"There has been much discussion over the year, pro and con, concerning the possibility of a train beneath the waters of Big Bradford Lake. To the best of my

knowledge, no one has provided any documented facts to support this claim."

Nonetheless, Granlund did uncover a Jan. 1906 newspaper article that does seem to confirm the rumors surrounding the lake:

"Antione Luseweiki met death by drowning in the lake at Waters last Monday. He was employed outside the mill and, noticing some loaded cars running wild into a temporary track built on logs in the lake, jumped up on one and undertook and set the brake.

The weight of the loaded cars broke through, and cars, man and all were submerged. He was unable to keep above the water and was drowned. The track was laid for the purpose of storing empty cars only, and fellow workmen tried to refrain him from getting on the car, knowing the track would go down under the weight."

The "lake at Waters" mentioned in this article is almost certainly Bradford Lake. Although Granlund does not mention the name of the publication where he found this historical article, he does not question its validity.

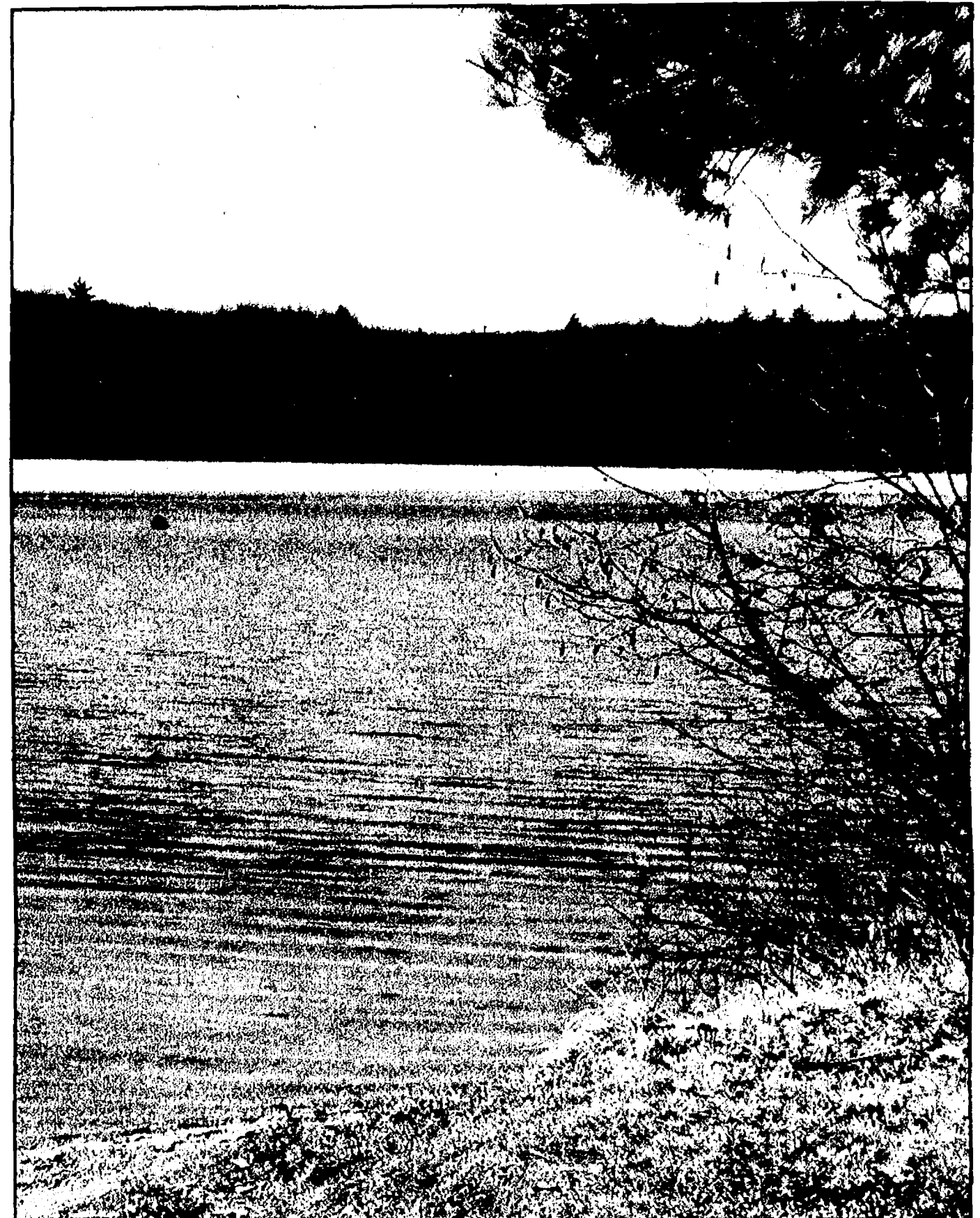
Risky Railroading?

The clip does beg the question of how a railroad track came to be laid on top of a lake in the first place.

The answer to that question is simple, according to amateur historian John Cuthbertson, whose family hails from around the Grayling area.

In his book, *The Mighty Rifle River*, Cuthbertson explains that logging companies would sometimes lay temporary track over a frozen lake during the winter:

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This photo of Bradford Lake was taken in mid-April, when the ice was still not completely melted. Thin ice will remain on the surface of the lake long past when it is safe to travel. Amateur historian John Cuthbertson believes that a train broke through the ice when it was travelling on temporary track laid during the winter.



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"They laid the railroad track across the lake. It was often done to shortcut the track path, even though it was dangerous. The idea was to stop before the thaw, but weather is unpredictable. There were other trains which met this same fate in other lakes, but more trains made it over the lakes in the winter season than those which went through the ice. Often, it was the last run, and in this case it really was the last run. It was the worst thing that could happen because lives were often lost."

In his article, Cuthbertson claims that a steam engine and 10 flatbed cars lie between 40 and 60 feet under the surface of Bradford Lake. This is based on an account from his brother and father, who did some exploration of the lake.

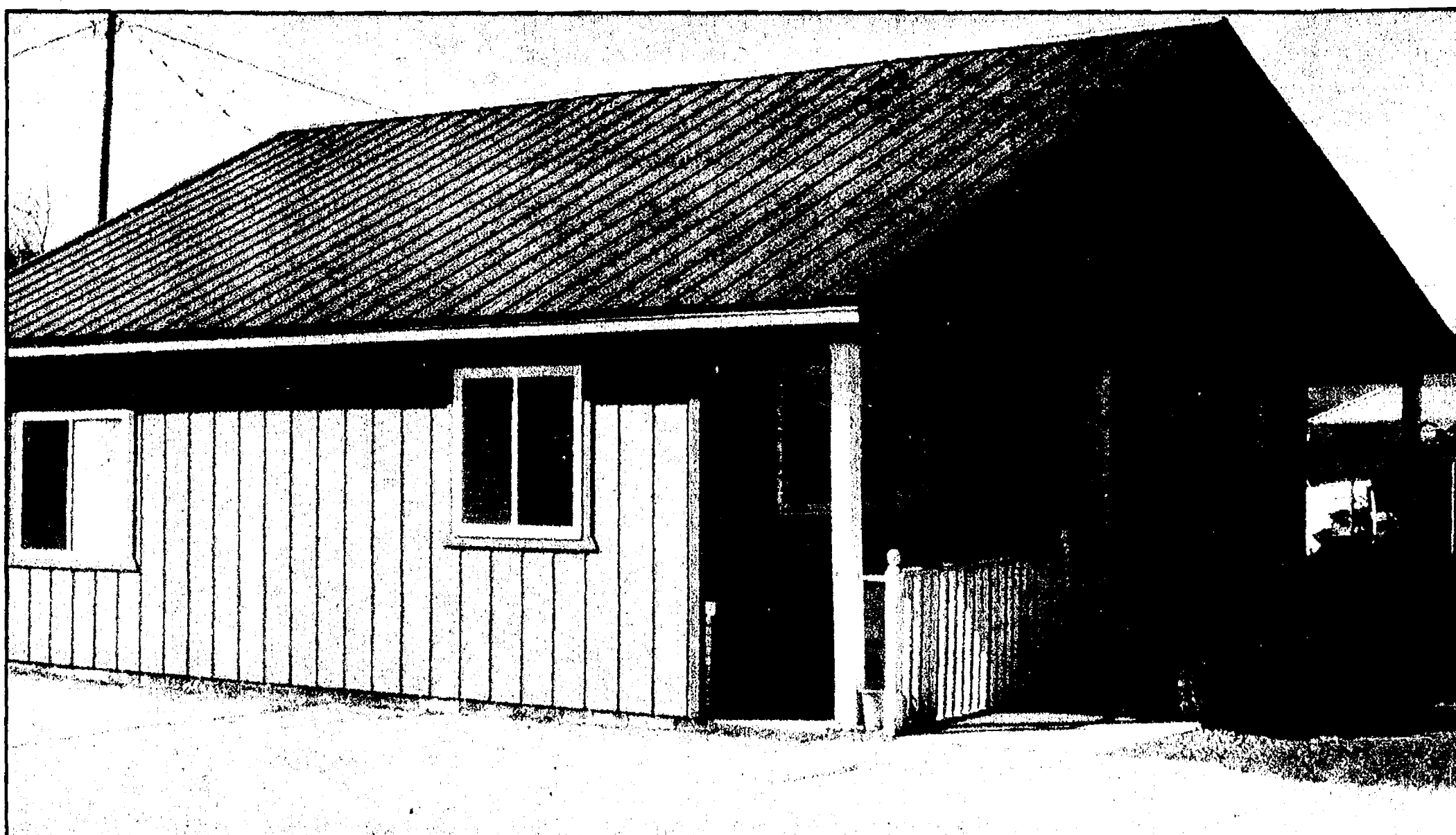
He writes that, in 1959, a Saginaw based trucking company actually retrieved several valuable hardwood logs from the flatbeds at the bottom of the lake. He says that this operation was shut down by the DNR later that year.

The *Avalanche* was able to contact Cuthbertson for a more detailed interview.

"See, the hardwoods, they couldn't just float those down the river, so they took those out by rail," he said. "Grayling was this hotbed where trains were coming in."

Cuthbertson originally estimated that the train must have sank sometime after 1890, which is consistent with the article that Granlund uncovered. He agreed that the 1906 date makes sense.

"The logging that came through Grayling after 1906 or thereabouts came from the north," Cuthbertson said.



This small restaurant in Waters, called Shakes N' Such, houses a small article that may qualify as the most in-depth research into the history of Bradford Lake. A journalist named Bill Granlund discovered a 1906 article that serves as evidence that there is indeed a train hidden beneath the water.

Separating Truth from Myth

When questioned about the possibility that a railroad worker was killed, Cuthbertson had no additional information.

"I didn't hear that; but I would never rule it out," he said.

Despite his certainty that there is an engine somewhere beneath the lake, many remain skeptical that there is any mystery at all. Although there appears to be evidence for the presence of train cars

in the lake, many still doubt that an actual engine landed underwater.

There are no underwater photographs available to confirm or deny rumors. Many diving efforts have turned up empty.

Cuthbertson says that this is because search efforts have concentrated on the south end of the lake, where some logging equipment had indeed been recovered. He believes the train sank further north, where it was going from east to

west across the temporary tracks.

He also contends that previous diving efforts have not been extensive enough to pinpoint the engine's location. It has been hinted that a team of Grayling divers is working to secure the equipment and permits necessary for a definitive exploration effort.

According to Cuthbertson, the train will be there, waiting to be discovered.

"It was the last run that didn't make it ... so it's there for history now."

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